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# Peres: All PNC members can return

## Surprisingly high turnout reported for PA elections

TURNOUT was high yesterday for elections for president of the Palestinian Authority and the 88member Palestinian council, with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat predicted winning with 95 percent of the vote.

Hamas scored a setback as more than 85% of the population voted in the Gaza Strip despite calls for a boycott. In the West Bank, where polls closed later, the turnout was estimated at 70-

Unofficial returns also indicated a strong showing for Fatah candidates in the contest for the 88-member council. Final results are to be ready this afternoon:

This is the foundation stone of the Palestinian state," said Arafat after voting in near per-fect weather in Gaza City.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres

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said the elections showed most Palestinians back the Oslo agreements.

'It's a successful end to parts of the two agreements with the Palestinians," said Peres. "The vote wasn't only to elect the representatives of the Palestinians, but effectively also confirmed that a decisive majority of the Palestinians backs the agreements," he told Channel One.

Whoever grips knives and bombs is a minority threatening the Palestinian majority as much as us," he said.

Peres spoke last night to Arafat to congratulate him on the

"He welcomed the high voting percentage aside from Jerusalem and Hebron, where he said it was better to have had a low propert-age and few problems as opposed to a higher rumout and a great amount of problems," Peres's of-

Arafat's advisers had worried that heavy rain which deluged Gaza on Friday would keep the voter turnout below 60%. They expected 70-75% if the weather

turned bright.

"Certainly this surpasses expectations," said Sufian Abn Zayde, a member of the ministerial committee oo prisoner re-leases, running as a Fatah candidate in North Gaza.

Hamas officials were nonchalant about the results, claiming they had not demanded a boycott. "Everybody was free to do what he wanted from both sides. This will not hurt the Islamie Movement," said Sayed Abu Musameh, who was released from jail last month to participate in talks with the PA in Cairo.

Hamas issued an "internal memorandum" in Gaza City yesterday morning calling on those supporters who had decided to vote to mark X by the names of nine candidates. Gaza voters were entitled to vote for 12. Among the names was Riad Zaanoun, the PA health minister, and Fakri Shakurah, both running for Fatah.

Khaled Hindi and Ismail Haniye, both Hamas leaders who were going to run as indepen-dents before being pressured to withdraw by Hamas elements abroad, also voted yesterday.

The polling stations opened at 7 a.m. and by 3 p.m. 70% had voted in Gaza and 80% in Jericho, which have been under Palestinian authority for the past 18 months. In other West Bank arin Tubes and Salfit, 65% in Ramallatt, Tinkarm and Kalkilya,



A Paltisticion policement helps a young mother cast her ballot yesterday at a Hebron

ALL members of the Palestinian National Council will be allowed into the PA-controlled areas for discussions on changing the Palestinian Covenant, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said last night.

Peres told Israel Radio that in the last few weeks, the Palestinian Authority had made a strong effort to fight terror.

Mahmoud Abbas, the PLO elections coordinator, told Reuters: "The Israeli government has allowed all PNC members to be given permanent residency in Palestinian areas. We asked for this a long time ago and now they have agreed."

Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, coordinator for the territories, also said they could return.

"As a concept the intention is that people also from the opposition will join the autonomous areas and be able to enter. We will deal with the matter in coming days," said

PNC members include some of the leading terrorist leaders, such as Navef Hawatmeh, head of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and Abu Ahbas, head of the Palestine Liberatioo Froot.

It was unclear whether any of the three would move to Palestinian-ruled areas, if given the

Changing the Palestinian Charter was high on the agenda of both Israelis and Palestinians yes-

"You do not change the constitotion, you only add amendments; Pac Chairtean kasser Arafat said Friday, comparing American Constitution.

Arafat, who is committed to canceling the segments of the charter which refer to the illegality of a Jewish state, told a group of American Peace Now activists in Gaza that, in effect, the charter oo longer has any validity, because of the agreements which had been reached with Israel.

Arafat said these agreements were amendments to the charter. "We had other ameodments

accepted by the central council, like the [September 1993] Oslo agreement," he said.

Uoder the Oslo 2 accord of September 1995, Arafat must change the 1968 accepted within

change the 1968 covenant within two months of convening the newly elected Palestician council. Arafat said he had signed a decree oo Tuesday that "within

four weeks the cooncil will meet." This means the Palestinian National Council should meet by April 20 to change its charter. Last night Peres said he ex-pects Arafat to keep the promise

to change the covenant. "I expect that he will do his part to fulfill the agreement between us and him. He needs two months from the establishment of the elected Palestinian council to remove from the Palestinian charter those clauses which call for harming or destroying Isra-el," Peres said on Channel 1.

He said Israel has several ways of responding if Arafat fails to

keep his promise.
"We have enough options in hand – and he knows that – in order to stop other things. This year a oumber of other things are supposed to be done," Peres said.

We are supposed to redeploy in Hebron, the negotiations must begin on the final status, the additional redeployment must be carried out, and there must be established a system of daily and reconomic relations. I don't be lieve he wants to hreak up all

## Kiryat Arba girl stabbed in Hebron

A JEWISH girl was stabbed in the back and lightly wounded by an Arab youth yesterday afternoon in the Hebron market. Orital Zarbiv, 14, of Kiryat Arba, was admitted in satisfactory condition to Hadassah-University Hospital, in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem.

Her alleged attacker, Hashem Osman, 16, of Hebron, tried to run away but was chased down and caught by two young Kiryat Arba residents who were accompanying Zarbiv.

Hebron district police chief Asst.-Cmdr. Danny Arbiv noted yesterday that "Jews and Arabs live mixed together in Hebron and there is constant friction." Arbiv said election day had otherwise passed peacefully in the city. The Zarbiv family experienced a similar incident several

years ago, when Orital's father was stabbed and seriously wounded by a Palestinian assailant.

# Observers blast 'police intimidation' in Jerusalem

PALESTINIAN leaders and in-ternational observers, including former US president Jimmy Carter, sharply attacked Israel yesterday for what they charged... was the "intimidating police presence" near Jerusalem poll-

ing stations.
"I don't think there is any doubt they [the police] are doing everything they can to intimi-date the voters," Carter, who is leading a team of international observers, told the Associated

By early afternoon, Palestinian officials were reporting a low turnout in the Jerusalem district, and charged this was because police were making it. difficult to get to the five post. offices being used as polling

stations. This place looks more like an army base than a place peo-ple are voting," said Faisal Hus-seini, the senior PLO official in Jerusalem, on a visit to the main

Din Road post office.

Dozens of policemen stood guard ootside the building, checking the IDs of anyone who approached. Policemen and border policemeo also stood guard on the roofs of surrounding buildings and the nearby Old City wall.

Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Arych Amit strongly denied the allegation of police interference. "I wish we could have this many policemeo in Jerusalem every day to keep the peace, he said.

"Police are here in large numbers to ensure that neither Israeli nor Palestinian extremists interfere with the voting," Amit said.
Police sources attributed the

apparent low turnout at least in part to mixups within the Central Election Committee over where people were supposed to vote.

An Old City resident, Mohammed Salah, said he went to the Salah a-Din post office in the morning to vote, with a form

from the CEC saying that was where he should vote, hot when he got there he was turned away by Palestinian officials.

They told me my name wasn't on their lists for the Salah a-Din polling station and I needed to go to the Beit Hanina station to vote," Salab, 34, said. But at Beit Hanina, Palestinian officials also could not find his name.

Police also noted that fewer than 10 percent of registered voters in the Jerusalem district were to go to polling stations within the city limits, and the vast majority to stations in the territories, which are beyond police control.

A security source said Hamas was behind a leaflet distributed in are still being held by Israel.

Jerusalem yesterday calling for Palestinians not to vote, because the Palestinian security prisoners At around 2 p.m., Husseini rusalem and roadblocks set up at

go to the polls, saying a low turnout would deal a hlow to Palestinian claims to Jerusalem. Carter attacked the use by po-

lice of video cameras to film the crowds in front of the polling stations in eastern Jerusalem. Amit, however, said such film-

ing is routine at events where the potential is great for unrest or attack and is used as a tool to help police investigators.

A police spokesman said 51 Jews and Arabs were detained during the day for stone-throwing, incitement, and disturbing the peace.

In the afternoon, only a handful of minor disturbances were reported by police in eastern Jerusalem. Roads oear polling stations were closed, including Salah a-Din and Sultan Suleiman, the major thoroughfares hy the Old City.

Police units were stationed at major intersections in eastern Je-

Two Jewish youths were detained after they allegedly threw. a tear gas canister into an Arah store just inside Jaffa Gate, police said. There were no injuries or damage, according to police. Another Jewish youth was ar-

rested for distributing pamphlets aimed at scaring Palestinians away from voting. These stated they would lose their rights as Jerusalem residents if they did so, which Israeli officials strongly

Near the Beit Hanina post office polling station, two Arab youths were arrested for allegedthrowing stones at policemeo

Police stopped Jibril Rajonb, Palestinian Preventive Security chief in Jericho, at a checkpoint near the Salah a-Din post office and ordered to leave the city, on the grounds he had agreed to stay away from the polling stations so as not to provoke unrest. Police said Rajouh left without incident.

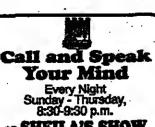
## Peres: Israel 'going for broke' in talks with Syria

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

PRIME Minister Shimoo Peres said Israel is "going for broke" in the peace talks with Syria, saying the aim was to achieve a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

"Listen, we have to take a chance. Those who don't dare are not realists. We are going for broke," he said on Israel Radio Friday.

Minister Yossi Beilin said there were "positive changes"



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at the last round of talks at the Wye Plantatioo in Maryland, but he was still skeptical about whether Syrian President Hafez Assad had really decided to make peace.

"Without a breakthrough on the substantive issues and without negotiations at a much more rapid pace, we will not be able to achieve peace this year," he said

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, told Yediot Aharonot that his last visit to Damascus earlier this month convinced him that Syrian President Hafez Assad was committed to getting an

accord. "More than ever before, at my last meeting with him, in the wake of what he said, I reached the conclusion that the man is really developing a vision of peace between Israel and Syria," he said.

Christopher also said Assad had also grasped the importance of establishing full diplomatic and economic ties with Israel, which has been Israel's key demand in exchange for returning the Golan Heig-

"Two states living at peace, side by side. A fabric of economic relations between Israel and Syria. More and more, Assad sees the significance of these relations for the Syrians," Christopher

#### polling station at the Salah amade a public appeal on Palestin-Israel, Tunisia to announce formal ties

HILLEL KUTTLER and BATSHEVA TSUR

ISRAEL and Tunisia will announce the establishment of diplomatic ties in Washington tomorrow, a senior Clinton administration official said Friday. The announcement will come following a State Department luncheon meeting held by Secretary of

State Warren Christopher, Foreign Minister Ehud

Barak and his Tunisian coonterpart Habib Benyahia. "I think we'll have a fairly significant announcement to come out of [the meeting] in terms of diplomatic relations," the official said!

The countries will establish interest sections in Tel Aviv and Tunis, he said. The two countries had been scheduled to establish lower level economic offices, but Tunis delayed the move due to pressure from other Arab states.

"It's gone beyond that," the official said. "It'll go directly to interest sections; there won't be an intermediate step." The move was precipitated both by continued

US's efforts, which "clearly had encouraged movement on this for some time," he said. The US expects the move to encourage other Arab states to formalize relations with Israel, the

bilateral discussions on the matter, as well as by the

official said. "I think clearly with each such step undertaken by Arab states with Israel, the arguments against normalization with Israel are diminished. I think it has repercussions.

We are hopeful that states in North Africa, the [Persian] Gulf, would come around. Qatar and Oman, maybe. Qatar and Oman, as is known, have had a dialogue [with Israel]. We hope further steps could be taken."

Tunisia becomes only the second Arab state, after

The US official said it was "unlikely" that Saudi Arabia would join other Gulf states in establishing relations with Israel until an Israeli-Syrian peace deal was reached. Benyahia and then-foreign minister Shimon Peres

met several times in recent years during visits 10 New York and Washington, during which they discussed establishing diplomatic relations.

Barak is also scheduled to meet tomorrow with

Defense Secretary William Perry and oational security adviser Anthony Lake.

The latter meeting will also likely include a short discussion with President Clintoo, Israeli officials On Friday, Barak arrived for his first visit in Morocco, where he stayed at the royal guest house,

normally reserved for heads of state. Last night, Barak conferred with King Hassan for more than an hour. They were joined half way through the meeting by Moroccan Prime Minister Abdelatif Filali, They discussed the peace process at length, and observers said the presence of the prime minister gave the talks a more official and overt

On the issue of the Palestinian elections Barak stressed that this was an important stage in the process. It indicated that Israel is standing by its obligations, Barak said, and the Israeli government expected the same from the Palestinians particularly with regard to their commitments on terrorism and the changing of the Palestinian Covenant.

Morocco, Barak added, could continue to have a leading role in advancing the process and would undoubtedly be a key factor in bringing about a comprehensive peace. Barak leaves Morocco today Morocco, to have ties with Israel in the absence of a for New York.

## Three Hamas terrorists killed in clash with soldiers near Jenin

killed Friday afternoon in a clash with IDF soldiers near the Jalama eheckpoint at the entrance to Jeoin.

In the clash, one soldier was lightly wounded to the leg. The IDF and the Palestioian Police are iovestigating the incident. Palestinian sources said it cast a shadow over the Palestinian elections, resulting in a low

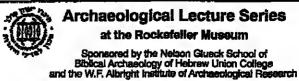
The clash occurred around 5 p.m., when a car carrying the three Palestinians reached the eheckpoint and the soldiers signaled to the driver to stop.

turnout in Jenin.

THREE Hamas terrorists were Instead he accelerated, as one of the terrorists stuck the harrel of his Kalashnikov rifle out the window and fired at the soldiers. wounding ooe of them.

Other soldiers fired at the car. killing the three occupants. They were identified as Ibrahim Salam Jeridat, 21, Tarak Mansour, 23, and Alam Abn Ada, 23, all Hamas members from Jenin.

Senior military sources said the three had planned to attack the soldiers and were the first to open fire, with the soldiers respooding according to or-



TRUDE DOTHAN

Deir el-Balah: A Lost Egyptian **Outpost In Gaza** 

In English - Today, January 21, 1996, 3:00 p.m.

# Protesters: We'll return to Eretz Yisrael

EVEN as votes to the Palestinian Council that will govern much of the West Bank were being counted last night, an estimated 10,000-15,000 people gathered in Jerusalem's Zinn Square and cheered as Rabbi Haim Druckman vowed that Israel would return to all parts of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

"There is no doubt that we will return to Bethlehem, to Nablus, to Ramallah," said Druckman, head of Yeshivat Or Etzion. "We will return to all of Eretz Yisrael. Eretz Yisrael is ours, and we are

hers farever." The rally, nrganized by a coalitinn nf right-wing groups under the banner, "Everynne in the Defense of Jerusalem, was the first clearly anti-government rally since Yitzhak Rabin's assassinatinn in November. About double the number came to a rally there against Knesset ratification of the Osln 2 agreement in October.

Ya'acov Novick, one of the organizers of the rally from a group called Mater Ma'amatz, alluded in the Octuber demonstration, reminding the crowd that alleged GSS plant Avishai Raviv distributed pictures of Rabin in a Gestapo uniform.

"That is a scandal," Novick said. "In a normal country a committee of inquiry would have heen established to look into the



Right-wing activists demonstrate in Jerusalem's Zion Square last night against Palestinian autonomy.

vick said. "Today we must not

ly." The crowd booed loudly when Raviv's name was

In an apparent plea to those in the crowd not to do anything that could he used by the Left to deleallow the arguments to be marginalized. We need to demonstrate, and in a big way. We need to return to the streets."

Handreds of policemen were on the side streets leading into

tinian Council memhers it will

Labor faction head MK

Ra'anan Cohen called for a public

referendum among Arab Jerusale-

mites to see whether or not they

favor remaining Israeli citizens af-

ter the permanent arrangements.

He said the low turnout of Arab

Jerusalemites in yesterday's elec-

tions indicates their preference to

have no validity.

remain citizens.

Zion Square, but un incidents were reported. The harshest chant heard last night was "Peres Go Home."

"We are organizing a struggle to ensure that facts are not creatthat will divide Jerusalem,"

said city councilman Shmuel Meir. "Do not despair. A generation ago we were willing to sacrifice our lives for Jerusalem. Today as well we have no choice but to sacrifice our lives for

# Electoral irregularities reported in Gaza

SUPPORTERS of Yasser Arafat violated election regulations by going into some Gaza polling stations yesterday to persuade voters to cast ballots for candidates of his Fatah faction, witnesses

Inside several stations in Rafiah, at the far south of the strip, members of Fatah and the Palestinian Anthority's plainclothes police force tried to influence voters, the witnesses said. . .

Young men from Fatah are Fatah candidates and they are telling them to vote for them. said they felt intimidated: They are also approaching any illiterates they see and helping them fill in their papers," one

Independent Rafiah candidate Sheikh Awda Abu Adra said some polling stations had up to 30

newly elected council.

political life.

SAMIHA Khalil, Arafat's only opponent in

the election for president of the Palestinian

Authority, ended her day in the sun expecting

still a member of the Palestinian National

Council," the PLO government in exile,

which may lose much of its authority to the

boisterous two-week campaign as the angry

mother of her people; a message with undeni-

able appeal to many, but no foundation in

and fields. I am against searching for new

homes for them outside their land," she said

"All refugees must return to their homes

Khalil, who never expected to win, put on a

to receive a small percentage of the vote. But she was not downcast, declaring, "I am

Fatah agents inside, with Fatah labels on their jackets, giving out

the lists. "I myself saw a policeman doing the same but when I complained he didn't stop," he said. An official at the district election commission office in Rafiah said agents for candidates complained to the commission of interference hy Fatah activists yesterday. We took action directly and put a stop to it," he added.

But a witness said the violaingiving often printed lists of the strong continued into the after noon and that some voters had

Candidates in other parts of the Gaza Strip said their only complaints were on technicalities, such as the slowness of the voting and the problems some people had finding their names on voter lists. Khalil neither surprised nor upset by losing

līves."

# Closure lifted Forces remain on alert

ON LEVY

THE closure imposed on the territories in advance of the Palestin elections vas lifted this morning, but security forces will remain de alert for possible terror attacks to mark today's first day of Ramadan. Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Matan Vilna i held a series of consultations on the closure with security officials yesterday. They had recommended that the closure be extended because of warnings that

lerror groups were planning to carry out an anack. Security sources said forces were on alert for terror attacks today. They also warned that the Palestinian rejectionist organizations may try to carry out a terror attack in the coming days, after having experienced a severe blow from the large turnout in the Palestimate elections. For Hamas, they said, this is a double blow after the assassination of Yihye Ayyash.

# Arafat opponents decry PA 'democracy'

'No real debate among candidates'

JON IMMANUEL

"WE hope the elections will start a major debate which will lead to holding the Palestinian National Authority accountable," a civil rights activist said on election

Dr. lyyad Sarraj, director of the Palestinian Citizens Rights' Commission, described the 18month-old government of Palestinian Anthority Chairman Yasser Arafat until now as "a militarized, corrupt regime."

"If we want to build a democracy we must change things to-day. If Arafat leaves behind him such a system it will be very difficult to change," he said during a meeting with American Friends of Peace Now.

Sarraj, a psychiatrist who also heads Gaza's Mental Health Center, considered the decision of the Islamic and left-wing PLO opposition groups to boycott the election "a tragic mistake" saying this is why "there was no real debate among the candidates." A supporter of Dr. Haidar

Ahdel-Shafi's National Democratic Coalition, Sarraj said the kind of change he had in mind was the abolition of the special security courts used for trying opponents of Arafat, among them people suspected of planning attacks against Israel.

One NDC candidate, Ghazi Abu Jayeb, demanded in a camting in Gaza's YMCA on Thursday that, "We must stop am against pressure of a Arafat from using and abusing nature."

JON IMMANUEL

after voting yesterday morning at Al-Birch

High School. 'Now the Israelis control our

The 72-year-old widow and mother ran a

very personal campaign. She has five chil-

dren; three went abroad, two were expelled,

and Israel has harred them all from

Khalil runs admitted that the response to Kha-

lil's campaign had not been encouraging.

years," she pointed out. "He is a symbol."

One woman from the charitable society

People have known Yasser Arafat for

Khalil's main appeal was as a woman run-

ning against the establishment. She runs one

our money. Financial control is a function which Arafat has jealously guarded and is one of the pillars of his authoritarian rule.

The new parliament could go a long way to establishing democracy by demanding fiscal accountability, Sarraj said.

Few candidates have made such incisive demands concerning subjects which are within the council's legal capacity. This inchudes Samiha Khalil, who opposed Arafat for president on an unrealistic platform demanding "the change of the Oslo

Abu Jayeb is a former activist of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, whose leader abroad, George Hahash, ordered his followers to boycott the

Another prominent PFLP activist who ignored Habash's order was Riyad Malki, who voted at Ramallah's College for Women. "I came to vote despite the boycott because I distinguish hetween the Oslo agreement [which he opposes] and this election. It is important because Palestinians must have a say concerning their

Malki originally planned to stand as a candidate in a Jerusalem list but withdrew from it because of party pressure. "Everybody has the right to vote and I

of the Palestinians' most successful welfare

organizations, the Al Inaash al-Usra society,

At turns cantankerous and self-deprecating,

Khalil was scored by her close advisers for

refusing to take any advice during her cam-

paign. One of Khalil's advisers, who asked not

to be identified, confided that, "She is like

letters to constituents," her advisers had told

for press advertisements, refusing to build a

grass roots organization. She herself com-

plained of being kept out of the national

"Don't speak in bad English, send personal

But Khalil rejected their advice and settled

which she founded in 1965 in Al-Birch.

Arafat. She doesn't listen."

# Likud: Elections another step toward Palestinian statehood

THE Likud Knesset faction issued a statement yesterday calling the Palestinian elections "the laying of the foundations for a Palestinian state to be created in the areas under the control of the

"A situation is developing in which a state with every sign of independence is growing up with its own parliament of 88 members," the statement read.

## LIAT COLLINS

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan said the elections for the Palestinian Authority will not hring about the rescindment of the clauses of Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction. Only the Palestinian National Council can cancel these clauses and if the cancellation is carried out by only the 88 newly elected local Pales-

## DAVID LEGUM

son of Colin Legum sed away Sadly mourned by Doreen and Harry Kaplan and family

## STEPHEN S. PLAUT

of New Hampshire and West Palm Beach, Florida

has passed away

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The family.

## We announce with sadness the death of **BESSIE HOFFMAN**

who passed away on Saturday, January 20, 1996 The funeral will take place today at noon at Jerusalem's Sanhedria Funeral Parlor. Burial will follow at Har Hamenuhot.

Mourned by: Husband: Reuben Sons: Joseph and George Grandchildren

Shiva at Sderot Eshkol 48/23 (Tel. 818444).

## To Joseph Hoffman

We extend our sincerest condolences on the death of your

## MOTHER

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Minister Yossi Beilin said changing the covenant is vital to advancing the negotiations.

"I don't see us opening negotiations on the final status unless the Palestinians change the covenant, for it would be very strange to negotiate with a party that calls for Israel's destruction," Beilin told Army Radio yesterday. "If the PNC charter is changed, we will open final status negotiations in May, and I hope this stage will go faster than planned."

Arafat adviser Ahmed Tibi said last night on Channel 1 that it is unclear whether the Palestinians have two months to change the charter or are only required to do so hefore the Israeli

Abbas told The Jerusalem Post that Arafat's comments did not mean he is backtracking on his

"We know very well that it is important for Mr. Peres and the election of the Labor Party," he said. "We will convene the

All 88 members of the elected council will join the PNC, but figures differ concerning the PNC's makeup. Its acting speaker, Salim Zaanoun, says there are 540 members. The PA planning minister says there are 450 and that about 100 more local Palestinians who failed to win seats in vesterday's election will be added to the PNC.

Other Arafat advisers said on Friday that 1996 is a year of uncertainty regarding the future of the peace process, since all three main actors - Palestinians, Americans, and Israelis - are bolding elections.

Itim contributed to this report.

(Continued from Page 1) and 60% in Jenin villages and the Jerusalem district outside the municipal boundaries.

In Jerusalem and Hebron, voting was under 35% at 3 p.m. In Icnin, where voting was at 50%, local people buried three Hamas gunmen who fired at IDF troops m the Jenin area and were shot dead on the eve of the poll.

Palestinians took to the polls in a calm but festive manner. In onthe-spot interviews it appeared that many voters split their votes among candidates from different

Golan group lauds poll showing 45% of residents back withdrawal

THE head of the Derech Leshalom group on the Golan, Yigal Kipniss, yesterday welcomed the findings of a survey which showed that 45 percent of residents in the region would vote in a referendum for peace with Syria - even if it meant a full withdrawal.

Kipniss said the findings of the poll, conducted by the Dahaf Institute on behalf of the Yedior Aharonot newspaper, are an irrefutable answer to those who had tried to undermine his group. Some 53% of the 510 inter-

viewees, representing a cross section of the Jewish population of the Golan, said they would vote Mohammed Salfi, a 57-year-

old social studies teacher allowed

seven votes in Ramaliah, said he

voted for four on the Fatah list

one member of the ex-communist

People's Party, and two indepen-

A woman from Khalil's welfare

society complained while voting

that the red and white ballot box-

es were sealed with playdough,

rather than with wax which would

International election observ-

ers said they did not consider that

an issue, since the boxes were

guarded throughout the day and

better guard against tampering.

against a peace treaty with Syria that would include a full withdrawal from the region. In answer to another question, 66% said they would be prepared to leave the region in return for

compensation, if a peace agreement were reached that included full withdrawal and proper security arrangements. The findings are proof that ...

residents of the Golan take a wide national perspective," Kipniss said at Moshav Ma'alch Gamla. "Only the strength of the population allows them to express such a message, which is so

TURNOUT

counting was to take place in the

Opposition candidates were

Yusuf Farhat, an activists for

the People's Party, launched an

"urgent appeal" to all interna-

tional observers, because "securi-

ty men have been given access to

the polling booths. Some of the

security people are trying to help

According to CEC regulations,

an illiterate may enter the poli

nonetheless rife with doubts

about the honesty of the poll.

polling station itself.

illiterates to vote."

problematic from their point of

view. The Golan Residents Committee, which is campaigning against any form of withdrawal and is backed by the elected representatives of all of the 31 communities on the Golan, played down the results of the poll.

"Anybody who lives on the Golan knows very well the true feelings of the people and just how ridiculous [the findings of the poll] are," GRC spokesman Uri Heitner said

"All the indications here are exactly the opposite [of] this poll, the findings of which are completely baseless," he added.

with a person he chooses and an election official to oversee the

There were also complaints of Israeli security forces preventing Jerusalem residents from getting through readblocks to vote outside the city. On the road to Bethlehem 15 minutes before closing time at 7 p.m. IDF troops stopped cars getting through.

In Jenin and Jerusalem, polis verted to Abu Dis outside the points unannounced.

## Four killed in traffic accidents

THREE women were killed and three others injured, two seriously, on Friday afternoon when two cars collided at the Barkai junction in Wadi Ara. The dead were Raida Zaidan, 21, of Ya'ama in the Triangle, and Haned Na'amne and Samah Darawshe, both 19. from Arrabe.

Last night a woman pedestrian was struck and killed while crossing the street in Haifa. A car stopped to let the woman cross the Haifa-Tel Aviv road at the southern entrance to the city, but another vehicle passed it and struck her, killing her on the crosswalk.

p.m., dozens of border policemen converged on the area, as did former US President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn.

"We'll be getting our reports in from all over Palestine from our observers, but the places we've been today have been extremely good," Carter said after coming to Abu Dis from Jericho.

Carter drew large crowds of stayed open late because of the Palestinians yesterday as he and low turnout. Since post offices in- his entourage, all wearing sky-Jerusalem had to close at 7 p.m. hine down vests, inspected pollsharp, Jerusalem voters were di- ing stations and Jsraeli check-

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# German Jews upset by change in memorial day

BONN (Reuter) - Some German Jews yesterday indicated disappointmeot that parliament moved forward its special session to mark Germany's first Memorial Day for the Victims of Nazism.

The Memorial Day is next Saturday, January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz m 1945, but parliament held its

special session oo Friday.
"It is scandalous that the Bundestag (lower house) is not going to hold a session on January 27, as it really should have done, because it is a weekend," historian Michael Wolffsohn told yesterday's edition of the Berliner Morgenpost daily.

People were murdered in Auschwitz oo weekends as well. We should also remember them on weekends," said Wolffsohn, an academic at the armed forces university in Munich...

Michel Friedmao, a board member of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, told the paper he would have preferred it if parliament had held a special service closer to the actual day.

"But I know that (Bundestag President Rita) Suessmuth and President Herzog are credible and committed," he said. "At the same time, I assume it will be different next year."

The event was moved forward partly to allow President Roman Herzog to deliver a speech before leaving on a visit to Africa.

In his speech on Friday, Herzog urged the oation to find new ways to explain to future genera-

LUEBECK (AP) - About 3,000

demonstrators gathered in the

city's main square yesterday to

remember the 10 immigrants

killed in a suspicious blaze and

protest anti-foreigner sentiments

Although police have not ruled

out an accidental cause for Thurs-

day's blaze, many of the protest-

ers said they believed the fire was

"Ninety-eight percent it was a Neo-Nazi attack," said a man who would identify himself only

as Jemal. Born in Burkey, he now

lives in Hamburg. "Ninety-nine percent," anoth-

er man offered as he harried past.

mal criticized the German gov-

ernment for allowing a segregat-

ed society in which such hates can

easily grow. Asylum-seekers in

Germany are usually boused in

shelters and are not allowed to

get jobs while their cases are be-

ing decided - a process that, with

appeals, can often take years.

laws - one for Germans, one for foreigners," he said. "People

The demonstrators, including

About 50 African immigrants

gathered in a tight circle in one

corner of the square singing, white bands tied around their

heads in a show of mourning.

Nearby, a group of Turks chanted, "Yesterday Solingen, today Lnebeck," referring to the

1993 neo-Nazi firebombing of a

Turks, Arabs, Africans and Germans, called for international

must be treated equally."

solidarity.

"In Germany, there are two

However the fire started, Je-

in Germany.

deliberately set.

tions the horrors of the Third Reich and said January 27 should be a day of reflection to help Germans avoid repeating the crimes of the past.

Instead of conceotrating on the mind-boggling facts of the Holo-caust, teachers should stress tragedies that children can understand like separation from families, friends or pets.

"The most important thing is the sharpen young people's perception of how to recognise the beginnings of racism and totalitarianism," he said.

"Maybe young people can un-derstand symbols better than adults, like the separation of children from their parents, their lives in the camps, the permanent fear and also their bravery," he

Teachers should also stress apparently less important things like the loss of school friends and the Nazis' confiscation of pets aod radio sets from Jewish

Radio sets, Herzog said, meant as much to that young generation as television and a walkman mean to our children.

Herzog, who regularly urges Germans neither to forget their history nor to be overwhelmed by it, held his speech on Friday because parliament would oot be sitting next week.

Three days earlier, President Ezer Weizman had from the same podium urged deputies to he vigilant against resurgent neo-

house that killed two Turkish

things only happen where for-eigners live?" asked Mattata Mil-

dun, a Zairian who has lived in

Germany six years. "That is why I think it was an attack,"

Investigators resumed trying to

determine the cause of the fire

yesterday. Neither arson nor a

electrical defect have been ruled

Three suspects were freed Fri-

day after police said they had evi-

Honce to support their alibi. A

fourth manualso was held briefly

Thorsday night, but details were unavailable.

State prosecutors said a police

car spotted the men - one of

whom was described as a skin-

head - at a gas station far from

the house 20 minutes before the

fire broke out. The police fol-

lowed their car until the officers

One of the men arrested,

when they saw the fire, stopped

their car and got out to look.

A police officer later spotted

them 100 yards from the house and

were called to the fire.

Patynowski said.

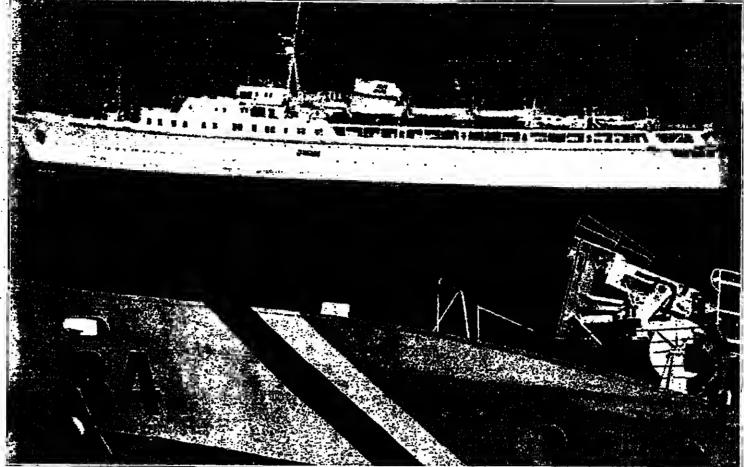
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**Demonstrators believe** 

Luebeck fire was murder



A Turkish Navy ship accompanies the ferry 'Avrasya,' which was seized by pro-Chechen gummen along with 200 passengers and crew. The gummen surrendered after three days of the hijacking drama in the Black Sea. (Reuter)

# Villagers sift through ruins after Russian-Chechen hostage battle

VILLAGERS returned to the wreckage of their homes in Pervomaiskoye yesterday to find bloated corpses still lying in the streets from this week's battle between Chechen hostage-takers and Russian troops.

At least seven bodies lay in the frozen, muddy roads running through the village, whose 300 houses were almost totally destroyed in Russian artillery and rocket

One dead man was dressed in the fatigues of the Chechen "Lone Wolf" band and two others were identified by relatives as hostages taken in the nearby town of Kiselyar where the hostage crisis began on January 9.

It was unclear whether the rest were rebels, hostages or villagers who had got caught up in the four-day battle.

Hungry animals snuffled among the wreck-age while people, stunned by the carnage, salvaged what they could, silently carrying heaps of belongings in blankets. Light sum-mericlothes hung frozen stiff in a tree near one wreaked houseall but all.

One woman unleashed a tirade against Russia's leaders as she stood on a pile of bricks inside her ruined house, asking why they could not have saved the village by letting the rebels go as they did after a hostage crisis in Russia proper in June.

PERVOMAISKOYE, Russia

"Isn't Dagestan Russia too," she said, voicing the suspicion of many in the southern Russian republic that Moscow would oot have used such force in Russia itself. In Moscow, a skeptical press pounded Pres-

ident Boris Yeltsin yesterday for calling the fierce assault on the village. Yeltsin defended the decision to storm Pervomayskaya and wipe out the Chechen fight-

ers, saying it was the best response to continuing terrorism. "Mad dogs must be shot," he told reporters. But the president's assertions that the offensive was well-planned and the village a well-fortified rebel hideout were ridiculed by

many newspapers. "He makes announcements about careful preparations for an army operation that turns out to be like they all are here: slipshod, absard, even stupid," said Moskovsky Komsomolets, Moscow's largest circulation daily.

The Dagestan republic marked the 75th anniversary of its creation yesterday, but celebrations were cancelled in mourning for those who died in the raids.

Federal Security Service (FSB) chief Mik-

hail Barsukov said in Moscow the tough action had been necessary to prevent a wave terrorism and that his men would not hesitate to use force in any future hostage-seizure by the separatist fighters.

"Terrorism would inevitably escalate in the north Caucasus if the rebel action were not decisively stopped," he told a news conference, adding that Russian troops had shown restraint in using artillery and rockets during the operation.

He and Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov, who also took part in the operation, added to confusioo surrounding official reports of its outcome with new and contradictory estimates of the number of rebels killed and the total number of bostages.

Russian officials have said an overwhelming majority of the hostages escaped un-harmed while more than half an estimated 300 rebels were killed.

Interfax news agency said yesterday Russian troops had seized another nine Chechen rebels in a hunt for the hostage-takers, adding that 39 had so far been captured.

Russian forces pounded the rebels with artillery for three days at Pervomaiskoye, a stark contrast to the climax of a ship hijacking by pro-Chechen gunmeo in Turkey which ended on Friday without a shot being fired.

## **NATO** to guard suspected mass graves

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - NATO will send troops to guard suspected mass graves where Bosnian Serbs are accused of hiding the bodies of thousands of murdered Moslems and Croats, peacekeeping sources said yesterday.

The deployment could take place within days now that NATO has achieved the separation of the former warring sides along most of the 1,000-km front line dividing Serb and Moslem-Croat territory

Bosnian government and Serbi military negotiators failed yester-day to reach agreement on further releases of prisoners of war, a Bosnian government source said.

Meetings would continue but "clearly an exchange will not take place today," said the source who, asked not to be named.

The fate of more than 24,000 Moslems missing in Serb hands during the 31/2-year war is holding up a full exchange of registered prisoners.

Some 225 prisoners were handed over on Friday, the deadline for the swap under the Dayton peace. agreement, but more than 700 are still in prison.

NATO sources said American. troops would guard grave sites seen by spy satellites and Western journalists near Srebrenica in eastem Bosnia where Serbs are alleged to have killed several thousand captured Moslem meo last July,
British troops would secure oth-

er sites around Prijedor in northeast Bosnia. The regioo includes a mine at Ljubija where Serbs are claimed to have hidden 8,000 corpses of Moslems and Croats killed in 1992-93.

US Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights John Shattuck planned to visit Glogova near Srebrenica today, where reporters have described seeing human bones and smelling rotting flesh at the alleged site of a mass grave.

Mass killings by the Bosnian Serbs form the basis of war crimes indictments issued by a UN tribunal against Bosnian Serb "presideut" Radovan Karadzic and army commander General Ratko

Troops of the 1st US Armored Corps are garrisoned 15 km from Srebrenica.

Men in Srebrenica were separated from their families after Serbs' overran the UN safe area in July, and 3.000 were reported by UN and Red Cross officials to have been shot.

Another 5,000 men from the mountain settlement are missing although some are thought to have escaped to government territory.

Charges against Karadzic and Mladic - who was present during the Srebrenica offensive - relate specifically to the killings.

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# the Monongahela and the Alle-

Heiko Patynowski, told Der Spiegel news magazine he and his WASHINGTON (Reoter) -Flooding from record-breaking soowpack and heavy rains friends were just driving around caused the evacuation yesterday of np to 100,000 people in Penn-sylvania's Wyoming Valley, and in the Midwest oew blizzard conditions sent temperatures took their addresses. They were plummeting to below zero.

arrested hours later in nearby John Comey, spokesman for Mecklenburg and interrogated for Pennsylvania Emergency Manseven hours before being released. agement in Harrisburg, said "The police were interested like mad to prove we did it," evacuation orders had been issoed for the entire city of Meanwhile, police spokesman Detlef Hardt said yesterday there Wilkes-Barre, which has two major hospitals and seven nurswere oo more bodies in the rains ing homes, and in Pittsburgh major roads were under water. Flooding is "just inches away from the levee system" io

the government said.

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monitoring for 24 hours.

Wilkes-Barre, said Comey, who

said the dikes protecting the city range from 10.9 to 11.8 meters in height. The Sosquebanna River was expected to crest at 36 feet, he said, "but there will be tremendous water pressure."

Comey said the dikes protectiog Wilkes-Barre, a city of 90,000 in a narrow valley, failed io 1972, when the river crested at 12.4 meters, claiming 100 lives and causing \$3 billion in damages.

"As of 7 a.m., Luzerne County recommends the evacuation of the entire Wyoming Valley," said John Salvo, spokesman for the county's emergency management association. "This evacuatioo is oo looger precautionary."

Kelly Freed, an emergeocy spokeswomao in Wyoming County to the north, said the National Guard had been called in to assist with rescue operations. "We've had a lot of rescue op-

erations for people who didn't evacuate in time - people rescued from roofs, people trapped in cars in the water. We've had the National Guard assisting us with Humvees and wreckers."

Comey said the Susquehanna was expected to crest by afternoon, and that flooding would also affect a dozen large commu-

nities down river toward the state capital, Harrisburg. He said the river was expected to be out of banks by as much as 1.5 meters. The Point in Pittsburgh, where

gheny Rivers join to form the Ohio, was already under water, he said, incloding major roadways and widespread localized evacuations. After massive snows paralysed

the Northeast for a week, unusually warm temperatures followed by rain eroded the mounds of snow and created widespread

flooding. "What's been burting the East has been the exceptionally mild air in froot of the cold front," said Ken Reeves, senior meteorologist at Accuweather in State College, Pennsylvania. "The rain on top of about a foot of snow melting produced a tremendous amount of water."

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## Hollywood film producer Don Simpson found dead

Simpson, one of the flashiest andmost extravagant producers in Hollywood and the driving force behind the blockbusters Top Gun and Beverly Hills Cop, was found dead, police said yesterday.

Paramedics found Simpson on the floor of an upstairs bathroom at his Bel-Air estate. Police Officer Don Cox and Simpson's lawyer, Robert Chapman, said the death appeared to be due to natural causes.

Business associates at the estate called the emergency line, fire department spokesman Brian Humphrey said. Simpson wasn't hreathing when paramedics reached him at about 5 p.m., and he was declared dead a short time later, Humphrey said.

Simpson's age was given as 52 by his publicist and police, but The Film Encyclopedia by Ephraim Katz listed his birthdate as Oct. 25, 1945, which would have made him 50.

Simpson and his partner Jerry Bruckheimer were known in the industry as two of the most profiigate producers in town, but they knew how to make money as

Top Gun, the 1986 film starring Tom Cruise as a Navy pilot, was one of the most profitable pictures in Paramount's history. By 1991, their films had generated more \$2 billion in sales of theater tickets, videocassettes and

record albums. "In a community of extraordinary talents and unique charac-

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Don ters, Don was a true original. There will never be another like him." Bruckheimer said in a

Simpson and Bruckheimer formed their own production company in 1983 and scored a hit that same year with their first effort, Flashdance. The duo were named Producers of the Year in 1985 and 1988 by the National Association of Theatre Owners.

Born in Seattle, Simpson was raised in Anchorage, Alaska. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Oregon in 1966. He started his career as an account executive in advertising, and later joined Warner Bros. as a marketing executive.



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Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew

undergoes heart treatment

SINGAPORE (Reuter) - Singapore's most prominent statesman, Lee Knan Yew, underwent successful hospital treatment yesterday

to open up a oarrowed coronary artery, a government statement

completely cormal with no evidence of muscle damage.

It also said the functioning of 72-year-old Lee's heart was

Lee, who governed Singapore from 1959 to 1990, was admitted to

hospital for observation and tests after he complained of chest

pains, a statement from Prime Minister Gob Chok Tong's office

A coronary angiographic examination showed significant

Lee, Senior Minister in the government, was transferred to an

intensive care unit where he will be under observation and close

narrowing of one coronary artery at two different sites. Both areas

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## After Maxwell, Britain questions jury trials

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's senior law officer said yesterday the government was looking at whether trial by jury was the best way of trying complex fraud cases as newspapers called for change after the acquittal of Kevin and Ian

A jury decided on Friday, after a trial lasting 131 days, that the sons of the late media mogul Robert Maxwell, and former Maxwell company director Larry Trachtenberg, had not conspired to defraud pensioners who had worked for Maxwell-owned firms.

The Daily Mirror - a Maxwell newspaper whose retired workers nearly lost their pensions when his empire collapsed - said the 48 bours the jury needed to reach a decision showed they had had trouble following the details of the com-

"It raises once again the need for frand trials to be heard by a judge and specialist assessors rather than a jury of ordinary men and women," said a Mirror editorial.

Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell, interviewed on BBC radio, said trial by jury was one of Britain's basic liberties, and eliminating that right in major fraud cases should not be done lightly.

But he added: "That is something we are looking at very carefully and we shall analyse in a measured way after this case is completely over."

The Daily Telegraph agreed that the removal of trial by jury would be a major departure from the principle that any Briton is entitled to be judged by a group of his

"But this highly unsatisfactory case must surely bring closer the day when this principle is sacrificed to the cause of bringing swifter and fairer verdicts in fraud trials," it

With the trial over, and reporting restrictions on all aspects of the Maxwell case lifted, the spotlight was back on Robert Maxwell and his mysterious death at sea in November 1991, which precipitated the collapse of his business empire.

The Guardian newspaper carried excerpts from a book to be d next week by Russell Da vies, called Foreign Body: The Secret Life of Robert Maxwell.

Davies, after sifting through the. evidence from the autopsy, said injuries to Maxwell's body were consistent with a struggle on board his cruise ship before he drowned in the sea off the Canary Islands.

"All in all, murder remains the nation which no medical expert is able to set aside," Davies wrote, adding that Maxwell's business dealings had brought him powerful enemies in many comtries around the world.

The Daily Mail newspaper said that, since Kevin and Ian Maxwell had been found innocent of fraud. "by inference" their alleged coconspirator Robert Maxell was absolved, too.

It cited a comment by Labor politician Frank Field: "We are now left with, presumably, a miracie that has taken place, in which £800 (\$1.21 hillion) disappeared."

# Over 50 dead, 130 missing as Indonesian ferry sinks off Sumatra

JAKARTA (AP) - More than 130 people were missing and 54 confirmed dead yesterday after a ferry loaded with cement, food and vehicles sank in a storm off Sumatra island in nnrthern Indonesia.

The ferry went down with 210 passengers, including 11 foreigners, and 16 crew members at about 8:30 p.m. Friday, according to Auli Amri of the Banda Aceh Post Command, a government center set up in coordinate search and rescue efforts.

The cause of the accident was unclear. The official Antara news agency reported that the ship slammed into a coral reef during a storm. A port afficial said the ferry had engine trouble earlier in the day.

However, in another report, Antara quoted a survivor as saying that the ferry sank after being hit by huge waves.
"It happenned so fast and I heard how the

passengers were screaming while jumping into the sea," said Haji Amin, who was rescued after about an hour in the water.

Rescuers found 39 survivors, including

three foreigners - two Britons identified only as Caroline and Steven and an American woman, Margaret K., Amri said. The American worked for the aid group, Save the Chil-

Among the survivors, was a 6-year-old child found after drifting in the rough sea for about an hour. Antara said.

The ferry Gurita had been traveling from Malahayati, on northern Sumatra island, to Sabang, on the island of Web. It sank an hour after leaving Malahayati, 1,800 km northwest of Jakarta, Amri said.

Amri told The Associated Press that 54 bodies were found drifting in waters off Sueke bay. He said the wreckage of the ferry was believed submerged in the 100-meter deep sea off the bay, about six km off Sabang.

Most of the missing were feared dead be-

cause of the severe weather. An officer at the Port Authority in Sabang's port of Bolahan said many of the passengers were believed to be trapped inside the wreckage.

The official, speaking on condition of ano-

nymity, also said high waves and strong winds were hampening search efforts.

Amri said the rescue team included one warship, two helicopters a tug boat and two oil tankers along with dozens of fishing ships. It was unclear whether rescue teams would continue searching through the night.

The 555-ton vessel was carrying 33 vehicles, 80 tons of cement and 14 tons of foodstuff, Amri said. It was feared that the actual number of people on board was much higher than the 226 listed on the manifest.

The port authority official said the ferry had delayed its departure from Malahayati for about one hour because of an engine

Malahayati is in Aceh Besar regency. Sabang is on Indonesia's northernmost island of

Weh, about 25 km north of Aceh. Meanwhile, the state-run Televisi Republik Indonesia, or TVRI, reported last night that more than 100 people with medical training were deployed in nearby towns to immediate-

# G7 puts on brave face as talks get under way

JANET NORTHCOTE

ECONOMIC policy-makers from the world's richest nations gathered yesterday to hammer out ways to bolster shiggish economic growth, but insisted there was no risk of the world sliding into

Sunday, January 21, 1996

"I think that clearly we will be going to focus on sustainable growth. I think thats the main thing," Canadian Finance Minister Paul Martin told reporters ahead of a meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers and central

bankers. German Finance Minister Theo Waigel said the world faced a pause in growth, with stagnation particularly notably in Europe and

weakness also evident in the US. There is no justification whatsoever for fears of recession," he said in a statement prepared for

A Japanese finance ministry official also quoted French Finance Minister Jean Arthuis as saying in talks ahead of the meeting that the slowdown in Europe was only

Waigel insisted governments must keep up the fight against excessive budget deficits, enshrined in the Maastricht treaty on European monetary umon.

"(Europes) joint consolidation strategy laid down in the Maastricht treaty is no economy killer," he said in a statement.

The G7 meeting was expected to agree a broad consensus on the need to boost growth rates world-wide, but bold and specific initiatives to add zest to growth rates looked unlikely.

Growth will dominate the agenda. Currencies will be discussed as they always are but economic growth rates will be the main focus," a British monetary official said.

US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the slowdown in Europe was "not helpful". .

Though the United States also faces a cooling in its economy, and Japan has been slow to recover, Europe, particularly France and Germany, faces a stagnation which could push up further its already high unemployment.

US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said the meeting would touch on high jobless rates in Europe. "Unemployment is far too high in Europe by anybodys measure.

But the G7 - the United States, Germany, Japan, France, Italy, Canada and Britain - was not expected to find any miracle cure to revive world growth and get people back to work.

While G7 nations have been quick to trim interest rates, they appear to have little choice but to cut them to the bone to nurture healthier economic growth.

Britain has trimmed interest rates twice in five weeks and France and Germany have also eased monetary conditions in a bid to keep recessionary forces at bay. Germany, powerhouse of the European economy, was expected to come under fresh pressure to

reduce borrowing costs further. The spotlight was also likely to fall on the dollar, which rallied sharply ahead of the meeting on hopes the G7 would applaud its spirited raily over recent months. The dollar jumped to 1.4840 marks late on Friday from 1.4690 marks late Thursday.

It has risen just over six percent against the mark since the last G7 meeting in October, helping to rebalance the world economy by making European exports cheaper on world markets.

But hard moves in Paris to give added bite to the dollars rally were unlikely. G7 delegates were expected to give just verbal, though possibly strongly-worded, support for the dollar in order to help the European economies.

The United States was likely to resist any attempt to push the dollar sharply higher, because that would burt American exports ahead of the November presidential elections.

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## Space shuttle Endeavour touches down at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida yesterday after completing an eight-day Endeavour returns home after 'fantastic mission'

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) -Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew glided to a safe landing in darkness yesterday, bringing back a Japanese science satellite that had been in orbit nearly nne year. Commander Brian Duffy piloted Endeavour to a smooth 2:42 a.m. touchdown on a floodlit run-

way at Kennedy Space Center. The descending shuttle was a ghostly white against the black sky in infrared camera views. "Can't tell you how giad we are

to be back after a very rewarding, very successful mission," Duffy told reporters. "Things went just the way we wanted them to. We couldn't be happier."

It was only the eighth time in 74 missions that NASA shuttles landed in the dark. The middle-of-thenight landing was dictated by the course the shuttle had to follow in chasing down the Japanese

Duffy, an Air Force colonel, said the touchdown was the highlight of his 21-year aviation career and turned out to be just as he had expected, despite some slight turbulence.

Endeavour logged six million km during the busy nine-day flight, spent fetching satellites and walking in space. Besides the Japanese satellite, the shuttle held a NASA probe that the six astronauts released and retrieved two

days later.
"You did a great job of getting us started in 1996," Mission Con-

trol told the crew. Before returning to Earth, Duf-

fy called it "one fantastic mission." About 50 Japanese space representatives gathered at the landing strip to welcome back Endeavour and crew, in particular Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata. Wakata said he was looking forward to celebrating "in the near future with all the crew members over

Japanese sake.' Capturing the Japanese satellite and its astronomical, newt and crystal experiments was the No. I priority for Endeavour's US-Japanese crew. The Japanese space program paid NASA about \$65 million for pickup and delivery.

The satellite is missing its two fold-down solar panels. They had to be cut loose by ground control-lers last week after failing to latch into place.

Crew members also took two spacewalks, on Monday and Wednesday, Leroy Chiao, Dr. Daniel Barry and Winston Scott

gave mostly favorable reviews to the heated spacesuits and stationbuilding tools and techniques they tested for a total of 13 hours in the

frigid void. Construction of the international space station is supposed to begin in 1997 and take five years. NASA plans practice spacewalks on three more shuttle missions, the next one this spring.
"This mission contributed sig-

nificantly to moving in the right direction," shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway said.

Overall, Holloway said he was pleased with how well the mission went "in spite of a three-week (government) furlough and a threat of closing our shuttle program down for lack of budget."
Shuttle Columbia is due to fly

next on a late-February mission to deploy the Italian tethered satellite. The satellite was extended on a string only 255 meters - far short of the 20-km goal - during a 1992 flight of Atlantis. A protruding bolt was blamed.

# **Jackson-Presley divorce** shrouded in mystery

LOS ANGELES (AP) - OK, so career and Jackson's image after what really happened between a 13-year-old boy claimed he was Lisa Marie and Michael Jackson? Don't count on finding out. Nat from them, anyway.

Lisa Marie Presley cited irreconcilable differences this week in filing for divorce from Michael Jackson. And under California's nofault divorce laws, that's all either of them have to say publicly.

Nn questioning by a judge, no listing of peeves, no documentation at all as to what tore this coupling asunder.

In fact, as long as they both make nice, the two can ask that all divorce documents be scaled, and they won't need to appear in court at all.

"If both sides are thinking rationally, I don't see this being settled in anything but a private way. And money makes people very rational," Southwestern School of Law professor Robert

Pugsley said.

There won't be any lurid testimony," divorce lawyer Marvin Mitchelson said. "I can't see Michael Jackson wanting to get it all

Since their secret May 1994 wedding in the Dominican Republic, few took the marriage senously. Critics called it a cheap stunt to bolster Presley's singing

molested by the self-proclaimed King of Pop. Because she does have mon-

ey, unless she's extraordinarily greedy, I think that she'd be very ill-advised to want to make public the details of this marriage," Pugsley said. She, of course, is Elvis' daugh-

ter, worth \$100 million as sole heir to his estate. Jackson is worth millions himself.

Melvin Belli, who's handled a few publicized divorces, including his nwn, dismissed the entire marriage, despite Presley's hints during a TV interview that they

were hoping to have a baby.
"I think they tried to build up his reputation and hers," Bellisaid. "I don't even think they were sleeping together."

In her petition, under the section marked "community property," Presley's lawyer wrote "the nature and extent (of) the community property, if any, has not been ascertained.

So, if Jackson doesn't contest the divorce, which he says he won't, and there indeed is no community property, the whole business could be over in six months - the period in which a California divorce becomes final.

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### Hillary Clinton comes under fire ONE of President Clinton's major political assets - his wife - is beginning to look more

like a liability, with new revelations tying her more closely to two potential scandals. The two problems, neither of which has quite reached the level of a full-blown scandal, are Whitewater and the White House

Whitewater is a buzzword for a myriad of possible improprieties if not illegalities prior to Clinton's election as president. The 1993 firing of the travel office staff involves a perfectly legal act tainted by the hint of coverup from the White House living quarters.

In a city still affected by the 1970s Watergate scandal that brought down the late President Richard Nixon, any hint of presidential scandal is news. If it involves politically savvy first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, even minor revelations take on an aura of the sensational

And last week ranks as one of the most sensational yet, with key revolations coming in the form of friendly fire from aides forced to tell all to Congress.

In a few short days: A longtime Clinton aide, Carolyn Huber, told a congressional committee she found billing records from Mrs. Clinton's law firm, long. sought by investigators into Whitewater, lying on a White House table.

• A former presidential aide, David Watkins, testified that he felt pressure from the first lady to fire the travel office staff in May 1993, aithough Mrs. Clinton has denied responsibility for the firing.

· Newly disclosed documents showed that Mrs. Clinton in 1988, as part of a routine

DAVID BRISCOE WASHINGTON

document disposal in her firm, ordered four possibly important files destroyed. The intrigue is accelerating as Mrs. Clinton promotes her new book with the decidedly

unpolitical title: It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us. An author who had less to lose might be accused of fomenting the controversy to sell-books, but Mrs. Clinton hardly needs the publicity or the attention. She appears at

book stores, but copies of her book are machine-signed because of the heavy demand. "She has reservoirs of support around the country," said Johnsthan Wayne, a 32-yearnld law student who stood in line to meet the first lady at a New York store last week. "I think people are after her because they are unaccustomed to a first lady with strong

But public opinion polls show waning support for Mrs. Clinton.

A CBS television news poll released this weekend found the number of Americans who approve of the way she is doing her job fell from 59 percent two weeks ago to 42 percent this week. Her disapproval rating rose from 39 percent to 47 percent.

Prior to the recent developments, Americans found little of interest in Whitewater, the travel office firings or any other potential scandal involving the Clintons.

Even the prospect of a trial on Arkansas state employee Paula Jones's civil suit against Clinton got little attention. Ms. Jones alleges

that Clinton made unwanted sexual advances to her when he was the state's governor, and a federal appeals court said the matter could go to trial while Clinton is president.

That case as well as Clinton's battle with

Congress over the budget are now overshadowed by questions surrounding the presiden-"Few Americans are following the intricate

details, but when you're talking about files that all of a sudden turn up, those are the kind of things that people can say 'Isn't that a little fining?" said Karlyn Bowman of the American Enterprise Institute, a public policy think tank. Despite the renewed interest in getting to

the bottnm of Mrs. Cliutnn's role in Whitewater and the travel office firings, she's still being handled gingerly on Capitol Hill. The congressional committees investigating the Clintons say they want her story, but

they're not about to call her for a face-off they might lose, The spectre of a committee of mostly male Senators grilling an attractive and articulate first lady raises reminders of the hearings to confirm Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Senators took the heat for the way they treated lawyer Anita Hill when she disclosed decade-old allegations of sexual harassment against Thomas, who won

confirmation. Mrs. Clinton got rave reviews when she testified last year as a witness for the Clinton health care plan, although the plan itself died

The writer has covered international and domestic affairs from Washington since 1986.

# mean perfect playing

JUDY STEGEL-ITZKOVICH

t has always puzzied me that, although being totally devoid of ability to play any musical instrument, I am able, as are so many others, to sing, hum or whistle in perfect tune and even to

Yet I cannot so much as pick out a tune on a piano except by trial a time on a pumo except by time and error. Can you tell me how this is possible? Gedalia, Netanya. Miriam Meltzer, head of the vo-cal department at the Rubin Acade-

my of Music in Jerusalem replies: Virtually everyone can learn to play some instrument if one has a good teacher. It's like a toddler hearing someone talking: he can parrot the words, but that doesn't mean be can read or write without being taught. If you want to play an instrument, you have to go and learn.

It is rare for people to have natural talent for playing an in-strument. Having perfect pitch is generally no advantage to learning to play an instrument easily. In fact, it can be a disadvantage. Perfect pitch is the ability to hear the absolute note la in one's head. But pitch is relative: in the Baroque era, la was produced at 392 vibrations per minute, and today it is 440 or 442.

Everyone has some natural talent to play music or sing, except in those cases in which this talent has been ruined. By that, I mean that we have forgotten how to. listen to sounds. There's Muzak background music all the time. radio all the time. The radio and TV are left on as white noise.

Our listening sense has been spoiled by the primitive, persistent beat of rock music. This ruins the "artist" inside us. We need to cleanse the soul from simulated music. Children can start to learn to play by being handed a drum or other simple percussion instruments, and then learning to play a recorder and then graduating to the piano. But it's never too late to try.

Can bacteria grow on a bar of soap that is wet or dry? Pinhas,

Prof. Eugene Rosenberg of the department of molecular biology and biotechnology at Tel Aviv University answers:

Some bacteria can survive on a dry bar of soap, and the spores can live on for years - but they can't multiply under these conditions. Various types of bacteria can flourish on a piece of wet soap. Some bacteria can grow on the fatty acids in soap, while many more types are killed by the fatty acids. Detergents (soapless soap) ean also kill barmful

If you wash your hands with a new bar of soap, some bacteria still remain. But washing one's hands with soap will kill off many of the disease-producing bacteria.

Why do we need to sleep? Dogs, cats, fishes and even flies seem to sleep. But do primitive creatures have the need, including earth-worms, snails, bacterin and virus-'es? Tamir, Hadera. Dr. Ron Peled, head of Haifa

Technion's sleep lab:

The body has to rest, and this is best obtained in sleep. We know that higher living things sleep, because we can test them electrically to determine brainwave patterns.

Tests have shown that dolphins, which are mammals, continue to swim while they're sleeping; in their case, half of the brain is awake, while the other half is asleep. Fish sleep. Even many more primitive creatures, such as cockroaches and butterflies, show definite cyclical behavior that includes rest.

It is difficult to determine scientifically whether insects or bacteria are "sleeping" or only "resting," as their brain is so

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Children can start learning to play an instrument - all they (John Dyrsdale/Camera Press London) need is a good teacher.

# Perfect pitch doesn't Information technology has come a long way

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

WENTY-THREE years ago, a clerk in a small Jerusalem bank opened an account for me - a new immigrant from New York - and stuck the account information in a shoe

Startled, I asked: "What happens if you lose the shoe box?" "Don't worry, miss," be said matter-of-factly. "We keep a copy in another shoe box."

Israeli information technology: you've come a long way, baby, in nearly a quarter century!

If you think the country's banking sector has made progress in keeping its numbers straight via computers, just check out the 30th International Conference of the Israel Association for Information Technology (known by its Hebrew acronym ILA), which will focus on bow computers are likely to change every major aspect of our society in the 21st

The three-day conference, due to open in the Jerusalem International Convention Center on January 30, will not be a routine meeting of computer experts. They, of course, will be there, but so will top managers from the fields of government, telecommunications, education, entertainment, culture, transport, bealth and - of course - banking. Altogether, some 2,500 participants are expected to attend, including bundreds from abroad.

"There will be some 80 lectures, and we specifically wanted to expose the most senior administrators in the country to the new trends in computerization," says Avihu Bin-Nun, chairman of the ILA conference and a former commander of the Air Force.

Bin-Nun, who is currently head of the Israel Anto Importers Association, ranks Israel as "among the top five" nations in



country; it's a smart street in the global village.

the world in computer software and computer communications. "We're up there with the US, Japan, Germany and one or two more European countries," he says. "Specifically in software.

we're substantially ahead of Japan. Bin-Nun credits the Israeli (or Jewish) talent for innovation and improvisation as being responsible for the country's leadership in computers. Dr. Zeev Barzilai, the chairman of the conference's program committee, suggests that the Jewish orientation to study, thinking, education and determination

produces good computer minds. "Israel is a brainware country; it is a smart street in the global village," Barzilai says.

Barzilai, previously director of microsystems and parallel computing at IBM's research division, is now on special assignment for IBM's "emerging technologies project" with a focus on supercomputing. He returned to Israel only last year, after a 15-year stay

in the US, where he worked at IBM's prestigious Watson Research Center in New York and was the executive who led the gi-ant company's efforts in high-performance computing.

Barzilai says the gathering will be "the most important conference on this subject ever held in Israel." Among the leading foreign participants in the conference will be Nobel Prize-winning scientist Dr. Arno Penzias, a vice president of the AT&T Bell Laboratories in the US, and Tom Jermoluk, president of Silicon Graphics. A number of cabinet members will attend, including Prime Minister Shimon Peres (who will address the opening plenary session), Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish.

Parallel sessions on the future of computerization in the public sector, health services, education, entertainment and other fields will be addressed by directors-general of major local organizations and companies. Leaders in these fields will present problems, and the computer experts will try to present solutions.

"I don't think the general public is yet aware of the basic transformation of society that is awaiting us. Information technology will change the way we function and live," Barzilai explains. "Virtually everyone will get connected, old people and young people.
"Information technology will re-

place physical things: instead of scientists looking in labs for new drugs or medical students performing pathological exams on cadavers, these things will be carried out via high-powered computer systems. The gathering of information by 'data mining' will become a vital skill instead of committing a limited amount of information to one's own memory."

The non-paying general public will not have access to the ses-



Bin-Nun: We want to expose senior administrators to new computerization trends.

sions, but is invited to see (at no charge) a large exhibition on "Information Technology and Computer Communication; the Gate to the 21st Century," which will be open at the convention center. On the third day, some 2,500 outstanding high-school pupils will be bused in from around the country to see the exhibition and take part in special seminars relating to the convention.

Both of the organizers are aware of much technophobia among Israelis who didn't start using computers as children. Among them are numerous senior managers. But Bin-Nun notes that this fear of computers is steadily fading away, as a third of all homes have PCs and children teach their parents bow to use them.

"In many places abroad, pen-sioners with time on their bands are taking computer courses and becoming very enthusiastic users," he adds. "This will happen

Barzilai comments that as computer software and hardware become more user friendly - just plug in and play - their use among older people will expand.

Use of the Internet will boost the level of English usage here, they point out. However, managers who need the computer network to communicate with colleagues and whose English is not very good will be able to manage with their understanding of technical terms, Barzilai adds.

The fear that computerization will cause widespread unemployment is exaggerated, he says.

"Eighty years ago, most of the population worked in agriculture, but today 4 percent of the workers produce enough food for everyone. People will go into new professions that don't even exist today," Barzilai says confidently. "But they will have to fit them- '. selves into the new information technologies in the next 10 to 15 years, or they will find them- .

elves unqualified and left out." No one can prove that computerization has raised the level of ... unemployment; it doesn't necessarily reduce the number of workers, says Bin-Nun, but it does make businesses more efficient. As for the high cost of keeping up with new technologies, businesses will have to replace computers every four or five years, but the cost of doing so will steadily drop.

Women are finding the use of computers a boon, he continues. Not only do they benefit from the growing trend of working from home, but computer links are imname to discrimination on the basis of sex, race or ethnic group. Everyone becomes anonymous.

Six weeks ago, the conference organizers opened a bome page on the Internet's World Wide Web with information on the event. It can be reached at http:// www.icl.co.il/ipa96.

## **CD-ROM** commemorating Rabin now available

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THE list of for-profit vengrow. After the books, video and

mention the NIS 1 million videotape of the actual murder), now comes the CD-ROM for the computer. Niss Multimedia has produced a NIS 149 disk with solemn mn-

sic, photographs, video films and newspaper clippings on the assassinated prime minister, in Hebrew- and English-language versions.

The memorial album-like disk is being marketed by Bng Multisystem through its Bug

Called Yitzhak Rabin: The Great Moments, the CD-ROM was produced by Aharon Peretz of Niss, which initiated the project days after the murder. Permission was not requested from the family, but, says Peretz, "those that produced the books and tapes didn't either. We hope to present a copy to Leah

Unlike the Rabin stamp issued by the Philatelic Services, which will donate part of the proceeds to a Rabin wing of the planned Israel Postal Museum, this disk is strictly profit-making.

The user can select from among three chapters in Rabin's life - the man, the military man and the leader - by clicking the

ed by Menahem Peri, the English by Irwin Kaplan. Photographs were obtained from the Government Press Of-

fice, the Israel Broadcasting An-thority and the Steven Spielberg

Archives. "This is an effort to

touch [his] greatest moments...,

The Hebrew version is narrat-

which are an integral part of the tures commemorating history of this century," Penetz

The box, surprisingly, does not quirements for using the CD-ROM, which works on a PC or a Macintosh: they include 8 megabytes of RAM, a 68030 processor and a 13-inch screen or larger with 256 colors. The requirements are printed on the back of the plastic case inside the

THIRSTY PLANTS Hebrew University researchers

have discovered for the first time two genes encoded for proteins responsible for allowing the exit and entry of salts into living

These or similar genes may be useful in the future for producing - by genetic engineering - a plant resilient to salt. This would be especially important in dry areas such as Israel and the rest of the Middle East.

Prof. Eitana Padan, head of the Silverman Institute for Life Sciences, and ber colleague Prof. Shimon Shuldiner found that hydrogen ions (which determine acidity) and sodium ions (which determine salinity) are most common in nature.

When they exist beyond certain concentrations, they become very toxic to living cells. Therefore, all cells have developed protective mechanisms against them. If there is too much salt, the cells eliminate it.

They investigated proteins in the cell membrane responsible for allowing salts to pass through. They used E-coli bacteria as a model, because their genetic makeup is well known and they can be genetically engineered.



The bacterium was found to encoded for a protein located in the cell's membrane. When the environment is very saline, it transmits a signal that triggers protein synthesis and throws the salt out. Experiments to develop salt-resistant plants on the basis of this discovery are already under way.

ZAARK TEACHES KIDS

An intelligent and entertaining new CD-ROM for children aged six to nine has been produced in an English or Hebrew version by the local multimedia company Educoncept.

The "edutainment" disk. called Zaark and the Night Team, is refreshingly free of violence and gimmicks, and gives young users assignments - such as dialing on a push-button phone (using the computer mouse), sorting out musical notes and dealing with visual concepts and

They must use their intuition. creativity and visual sense to carry out the assignments and gain an understanding of symbols, which relate to arithmetic, geography, music and art.

According to company manager Dr. Linda Har-Nevo. \$500,000 was invested in the development of the NIS 150 disk. Educoncept was established less than two years ago and has already sold over \$1 million of software, she says. Its commercial multimedia applications inelude software for computerhased training of workers, presentations and computerized

# **Body flying at Eilat's** Aerodium is getting safer

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meters from the ground over gusts of pressurized air at the Aerodium sports facility although the number of injuries has been drastically reduced during the past two years, according to Josephthal Hospital physicians.

Drs. Michael Levy, Tuvia Shimoni, Moni Freitz, Boaz Gabai and Avraham Berman of the Eilat bospital's emergency room and orthopedics department write about the facility in the latest issue of Harefuah, the journal of the Israel Medical Associa-

Aerodium has been operating for more than four years. During this time 33 injured have been brought to the hospital for treatment, some with serious injuries. Similar facilities exist in the US and Switzerland.

The facility is a round area that produces columns of air four meters in diameter that move at between 120 and 140 kilometers an hour. A large ring of air mattresses surrounds this exhaust to catch those who fall. Each beginner is personally assisted by an Aerodium staffer who holds his arms and keeps him in balance. Visitors wear a special suit with very wide pants legs and sleeves that inflate and turn them into human balloons. Anyone with heart or orthopedic problems is asked to inform the staff and prohibited

from hovering. During the first few months of operation, two people were injured. In 1992, there were 20; eight in 1993; two in 1994 and one in 1995. The authors note that improved supervision and staffer training has drastically reduced the number of injuries, but they

OVERING two to five still occur on occasion.

ALZHEIMER'S TRIAL Five local hospitals are partici-ating in new clinical trials of an Israeli drug for the treatment of Alzheimer's, along with eight medical centers in the US. The . Alzheimer's Association of Israel (AAI) has called for volunteers for the testing of the drug AF-102B, developed by Prof. Avraham Fisher of the Ness Ziona Biological Institute.

Fisher and his colleagues bope the medication will improve the condition of victims of this fatal disease of dementia. There is no charge for participation in the trials, which are carefully monitored by doctors to see if the patients' learning ability and memory improve and to check its safety. The trials are being car- .ried out in accordance with regulations of the Health Ministry and of the US Food and Drng. Administration.

Information about the trials - . which are being conducted at Ichilov, Assaf Harofeb, Herzog Memorial, Rambam and Sheba hospitals - may be obtained from the AAI's Shosh Efrat at (03) 535-3741 or POB 8261, Ramat Gan 52181.

Meanwhile, former US president Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy have agreed to cooperate with AAI in the establishment of a center here for research into diseases of dementia that will be called the Reagan Institute.

Reagan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease late last year. One in 10 people over the age of 65 and half of those over 85 develop the fatal neurological disease. No details were provided on how the Reagan family would participate in the project.

# New Netscape software supports Java programming language

ON LINE

DANIEL BAUM

TETSCAPE has recently released two more beta versions of its net browser software.

While version 2.0b5 is a relatively minor upgrade, version 2.0b4 certainly has a few enhancements to the user interface over the third beta, giving it a more solid, friendly feel. The second mouse button menus include more options, and there have been some improvements in the news

Now one can subscribe and unsubscribe from groups by clicking on a little icon by the group's name. However, there is still no way of subscribing or musubscribing to several newsgroups at once, a feature which is present in all of the stand-alone

The mail feature in Netscape 2 also suffers when compared to almost any standalone program. For instance, there is no filtering facility, which can be set to put messages into folders on the basis of where

they come from, who sent them, etc. There is also no indication, as there is in some programs, of whether a message has been answered. This is also missing in the

Chameleon mailer, which is a pity. A new feature in the Netscape mailer is an outbox, which means you can write your mail off-line and then send it all at once.

One new feature of Netscape 2 is support for the Java programming language. Programs - known as applets - written in this language can be embedded in Web pages and run over the Web. This should, according to some commentators, make such computing staples as operating systems, application programs and computers as we know them obsolete, as you could simply use a dedicated internet terminal to log on to the net, and then run net-based programs for a one-time or subscription fee.

However, from what I've seen, there is a long way to go before this apocalyptic prophecy comes true.

As for the applets themselves, most of

those which I have seen are small animation demos, although there is one nice application which allows you to examine a human cadaver in detail. A man was frozen after he died and then sliced into paper-thin slices, which were photographed and stored digitally. This little marvel will help researchers and medical professors. The Java applet allows you to navigate through the different views and download the appropriate graphics file for the part of

the body that you choose. Those of you using the Netscape 2 browser can find the site at http://www.npac.syr.edu/projects/vishuman/VisibleHuman.html, while more Java applets can be found at http://www.gamelan.com/.

WHILE browsing the Internet, it becomes obvious that one of its strongest - and most useful - features is electronic texts. There

are literally thousands of works of literature available for free download.

The texts available are works which are no longer under copyright, so they can be distributed for nothing. Some of them are in plain text format, and some have been marked up in HTML, with illustrations, notes and other embellishments. There are, for instance, some really attractive editions of Jane Austen and William

Shakespeare's works. Those looking for more esoteric stuff will find the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, and the Bhagavadgita.

The only unanswered question is whether it is convenient to actually sit and read a text on a computer screen. However, you can download the file in Postscript format and print it out on a laser printer, which will give you a very attractive book at almost no expense, provided, of course, that you have access to such a printer.

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## The election festival

HERE was probably an element of truth in what former US president Jimmy Carter said yesterday in Jerusalem - the Palestinian election may indeed signal a new beginning for Palestinians and for the wbole region. But if Carter meant that this new dawn will be characterized by the flowering of democracy and the ubiquitous observance of buman rights he is as wrong as he proved to be so ofteo io the past. It is far more likely that what Israel and the world witnessed yesterday was the birth of the 23rd Arab police state.

It was almost 20 years ago, sooo after be became presideot, that Carter inveighed against "the inordinate fear of Communism" and chas-tised those who considered Leonid Brezhnev anything less than benign. It took the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan - a direct result of his policies of appearement - to "open his eyes," as he put it. This eye-opening cost millions their lives and homes, but it did oot wean Carter of his sympathy for autocrats, among whom Yasser Arafat has always had a special spot.

There can be little doubt about the autocratic nature of yesterday's election. It was oo differeot from elections in the old Soviet Uoioo or in today's Egypt Demonstrating a touch of sophistication which other Arab despots lack, Arafat encouraged an obscure 72 year-old woman to run against him for the Palestinian presideocy, while suppressing any challenge by opponents with a real following.

Similarly, he took no chances with candidates for the Palestinian Council. Yesterday's voters had a choice between candidates who were vigorously endorsed by Arafat and those he merely approved. Even if a few of the self-styled "independents" get elected, they are most likely to follow the Egyptian pattern, where out of the 114 independents elected to the 444-seat parliament, a full 100 suddenly saw the light immediately after the election and joined the ruling National Democratic Party.

Carter is hardly unique in his beaming ap-

proval of yesterday's exercise. The 700 international election observers (including, perhaps appropriately, some from such bastions of democracy as Egypt and Yemen) will give the election a stamp of legitimacy. Even the observers who speot some time in the country before the halloting and who witnessed the Palestinian Authority's pre-campaign manipulation and suppression of the media, the arrest, intimidation and bribery of unwanted candidates and their staff, and the hate-filled campaign rhetoric calling for Israel's destruction will undoubtedly not allow facts to get in the way of the fairy tale the world wants to hear.

Unfortunately, the government is fully sup-portive of this farce. It is no secret that it has done everything within its power to help its "peace partner" in the election, and it will undoubtedly see in the large turnout a Palestinian vote of confidence in the Oslo agreements and an approval of its policies.

But while it is probably true that the Palestinians approve of the way Arafat has managed to attain Israeli withdrawal from the territories, the fact remains that - as yesterday's election made amply clear - the Palestinian state will be oo different from other Arab regimes. Some Israelis may consider an autocratic regime preferable to a democracy. It is, after all, easier to settle matters quickly and efficiently with a dictator than to worry about real parliaments and press.

But theirs is a woefully short-sighted approach. The nascent Palestinian police state being legitimized by yesterday's election is not across a desert nor across a river; it is literally across the street. Like all police states it will be aggression-prone, and in this case it will also be irredeotist and revanchist.

This is the first time in history that a democracy has willingly helped establish such a state on the outskirts of its major population centers. One can only hope that the experiment will not be remembered as an example of national self-

#### been shortsighted - most conspicuously the notion of President Clinton's Russian policy architect, Undersecretary of State Strobe Talbott, that reform in the former Soviet Union is just around the corner. The recent Russian elections, and the appointment of "oew" old . hardline Brezhnevite Yevgeny Pri-

THE post-Cold War honey-moon between the US and

Russia has been soow-

bound. The unrealistic and roman-

tic view of Western journalists, .

makov as foreign minister (replacing the liberal pro-Western Andrei Kozyrev), are both signposts of the chill that is expected to emerge from Russia, regardless of who wins the oext presidential election. Primakov announced that Rus-

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sia's foreign policy must reflect the fact that Russia "remains a great power," despite "current difficulties." He speaks of "defending Russian national interests," implying that Kozyrev failed to do so.

Primakov also appears to reject American support of Kozyrev's" policies. Undiplomatically he annonneed: 'I have a negative atti- extreme, the signing of such a tude on the possible expansion of NATO." That certainly will transport the 1996 Washington blizzard to Eastern Europe, most notably to Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic.

Primakov tries to comfort us that he rules out a return to the Cold War, as if Russia is politically and economically, and possibly militarily, capable of reasserting some sort of Brezhnevism. But his promises do oot mean that he will oot assert Russia's influence in controversial areas, in what Lenin and Stalin saw as the best arena in which to maneuver against the West: the colonial world - what we used to call the Third World.

It is precisely in this Third World that the hottest wars under the umbrella of the Cold War were conducted, from Korea to the Middle East, conflicts which certainly threatened the international balance of terror at the time. Primakov appears to wish to meddle once again in the moddy waters of the international peripheries, a job to which he brings his experience as a former KGB expert on the Middle East, and as a columnist

for Pravda. Take for instance an immediate

award goes to the Houston-based

## AMOS PERLMUTTER

issue: the Israeli-Syrian negotia-

Uoder the guise of Primakov's columnists, and diplomats bas ... reassertions of Russia's position, the old dependency may in fact. give Syrian President Hafez Assad a greater area in which to maneuver, After all, Primakov is an Arabist and a Middle Eastern specialist. He wants to "strike a new balance," especially in the Middle East, China, Japan, and India. A

> The appointment of Yevgeny Primakov as foreign minister signals a 90-degree turn in Russian foreign policy

consummated without the Russian. . . . . . . . . . . . . stamp of approval.

In fact, taking this to its most peace could take place in the Kremlin rather than on the White House lawn, as the Kremlin is a much more comfortable place for a dictator like Assad.

OR TAKE, for instance, Bosnia. Recent reports tell us the CIA has eotered the Bosnian conflict to clear the ground, for intelligence purposes, for US-NATO deployment. Couldn't Primakov seek the same condition for the KGB to 'clear' the ground for the Russian divisioo?' After all, he seeks an equitable relationship with the US. Further, Primakov - former head of what was the international

directorate of the KGB - will certainly try to nip in the bud the new American policy: Serbia as the arch of containment, and America as the self-appointed protector of the Balkans.

Do not believe for a moment that the totalitarian president of Serbia, Slobodan Milosovic will not emulate Assad and seek Russian protection against American-Croatian and American-Bosnian 'eocroachment." The Peotagoo assignment of training the Moslem Bosnian army to a private compamy composed of retired generals and CIA agents, will certainly be challenged by Primakov, who will support Serbia's rejection of such activities.

Last but not least, Primakov will enhance Soviet-Chinese relations, oow that American-Chinese relations, are, at low ebb.

The appointment of Primakov has given hope to all the intransigeot acti-Americae forces. Whether this is a false hope or not, it will have implications for international politics.

It is shortsighted and naive for Western reporters to assume that Primakov's appointment is nothing more than an electoral tactic by Boris Yeltsin to fend off the nationalist and imperialistic forces that oppose him. It is not a stopgap measure; it is a 90-degree turn in Russian foreign policy - maybe not a return to rigid Brezhnevite policy, but a return to old Russian

imperial policy, mimis Stalinism. The Russian imperialist quest; revived by neo-communist resur-Syrian-Israeli deal may now not be gents, is the reason, Yeltsin appointed Primakov as foreign minister in charge of restoring Russia's power and influence in interna-

tional politics. The Clinton policy of coming to terms with what was expected to be a liberal and democratic Russia. is myopic and romantic. It represents the Russophile orientation of Talbott's Russian literature days at Yale. Underneath the new assertiveness is a predictable Russian imperialistic quest, about which Henry Kissinger has warned ceaselessly over the last four years.

. A reassessment of US policies, before they are compromised, will certainly be forthcoming. The assumption that Yeltsin is the "best" liberal available will probably no longer dominate decisioo-makers in Washington.

The fact is that Russia does not promise to become liberal and democratic before the end of this century, and for who knows howmuch longer.

If Washington does not perceive the dangers of Russian imperialism, the Ukraine and other former Soviet republics will certainly once again feel the weight of Russia trying to move to warm, open seas.

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# Tune in, turn on

MARK L LEVINSON

TOU'D think there'd be more to talk about than ever. But the most famous Hebrew speaker in Jordan, news announcer and executive Ahmed Barahat, is out of work. And it wasn't cable that spelled the end of the Jordanian TV news in Hebrew, but the recent peace treaty.

After decades of broadcasts familiarizing us with the modest, gentlemanly king, and with the queen who was never too busy to meet another kindergartner or visit a hospital, the Jordanians canceled the Hebrew-language news when the peace treaty was signed.

To begio with, they spoke vaguely of a new and more suitable format, but the program has not returned. Barahat, says David Rudge io The Jerusalem Post (January 15), "has found himself virtually without employment."

A mameet of embarrassment may well befit the Jordanians after their years of delegitimizing Israel, and especially after their vicious Gulf war broadcasts. But surely the Jordanians don't mean to admit that their Hebrew-language oews was pure and simple psychological warfare, unsuitable to come from a sincerely friendly neighbor? And if it was - so what? In these days of peace and cooperation, does Jordan have nothing to tell

With tens of thousands of Israelis now touring Jordan, oews broadcasts in Hebrew could pro-

### Neither Israel nor Jordan seems aware of the power of mutual broadcasting

mote places we might not otherwise visit, events we might other-wise miss. They could help prepare ns to meet the Jordanians, telling us what to expect, and how best to behave in order to mioimize friction.

Why isn't someone like Barahat already known among the Israeli public as the face and voice of Jordanian media - employed as a ingly, Jordan doesn't seem interested.

Perhaps the Jordanians feel that silence is better than volubility as long as political differences remain so great; that inevitably a picture of matters from their point of view would offend us. Or perhaps, on the contrary, they still fear that courting the Israeli public too openly could make trouble.

MYSTERIOUS, these Jordanians. Bot theo, we must seem strange to them too.

Why do we broadcast the Knesset by satellite? On that sole satellite frequency available to us, we do beam a few shows in Arabic. but whole days are takeo up with debates in Hebrew that bore even loyal Israelis. What a waste of a way to reach neighboring coun-

For us folks to see our own Knesset in action is a great boon to democracy. And the airwaves are crowded, with no space to squeeze anything into the VHF or the UHF frequencies except Channels 1 and 2. But why not put the Knesset straight onto cable? Is there a family in the whole country which doesn't have cable but picks up the Knesset from satellite?

More satellite time should go to presenting a believable counterweight to CNN's Israel of violence and fanaticism. A little Israeli and Jewish history in various languages. Catchy Israeli music and entertainment. Hehrew lessons, Informative looks at society, and tourist promotions. All laced with plenty of crowd-pleasing attrac-

Already the off-Knesset hours of Channel 33 show its promise, but in a cash-strapped fashion, like Chaooel 2 before it went commercial.

Sure money's a problem. Even mighty America just closed its cultural center in Tel Aviv; another mild propaganda campaign falling victim to international peace. But if Israelis have the resources to devote a whole cable channel to selling each other trinkets and gadgets, we should manage to sell ourselves on satellite.

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If our approach is constructive and friendly, no one should take offense. And we may spur Jordanian TV back into action. If not, they'll have only themselves to blame when one day we hire Ahmed Barahat

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**SOUL-SEARCHING** 

Sir, - I would like to commend your senior columnist Moshe Kohn (A view from Nov, January 5) "On confessing too much"), or penetrating Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein's thick wall of "marriage-certificate immunity" to criticism. If the respected joint head of the Har Etzion hesder yeshiva in Alon Shvut wants to continue hiding behind the broad shoulders of his revered late fatherin-law, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchick, he would be well-advised to keep his hands out of politics. RABBI YAAKOV I. HOMNICK

Sir, - In quite a different way from what he intends, Moshe Kohn may have a point when he attacks people like Rabbi Aaron Lichtenstein for their "soul-searching" following the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Rabbi Lichtenstein and other politically moderate Orthodox Jews bear little or no responsibility for the vicious attacks on Yitzhak Rabin in the two years preceding the prime minister's assassination. Those who did fan the flames of hatred with their vitriolic rhetoric have loudly proclaimed their own lack of remorse and clearly intend to continue acting in the same way. The souls that most need searching after Rabin's assassination have benefited the least from self-scrutiny. MARTIN J. GIDRON

#### APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT

Sir, - The pain and grief of the Jewish people at the tragic passing of Yitzhak Rabin cannot be stilled or comforted. The shock of this vicious act hy a cowardly murderer who pumped bullets into the back of a great man is a terrible vision.

The assassin desires a violent vengeful bloody end to his miserable existence, in order to justify his role as a martyr to the fundamentalist cause. This reward is precisely what must be denied to him.

How do we punish this leering, smiling killer, who has stated that it was his religion which made him plan and execute this ungodly deed? There is only one punishment that the assassin will feel in his heart of hearts and that is punishmeot meted out by Jewish religious rabbinical authorities. The punishment of excommunication and being cut off from the Jewish people forever and to be cast off as an abomination to his people, is the only punishment that he could possibly understand. To remove the right from this merciless murderer to wear a kippa and anything else that could identify him as being a lew will be a fitting punishment and a possible deterrent to other fanatics who might be contemplating similar heinous deeds.

MAX LISSOOS Thornhill, Ontario, Canada.

### THE CLOSURE OF THE AZYF

Sir. - Although I do not desire to opeo a public debate concerning the decision by the Jewish Agency's Joint Authority for Zionist Jewish Education to close the American Zionist Youth Foundation, it is necessary for historical accuracy to react to the letter oo the subject from Ms. Gann-Perkal of the Jewish Agency

(January 8). 1. To suggest that the Jewish Agency is oot closing the AZYF because "it is not ours to close" is disingenuous at best. By eliminating the sources of funding used for the activities of the AZYF, including those other than the Israel Experience, the Joint Authority did all but actually padlock AZYF's doors. It would have been totally irresponsible for the AZYF to attempt to cootinue functioning and incur additiooal debt, including salary to employees, without the wherewithal to hooor these obligations.

2. Ms. Gann-Perkal suggests that the decision was oeither "sudden nor surprising," referring to the "independent, in-depth evaluation of the AZYF's 'fuoctiooing' " which was commissioned by the Joint Authority. She overlooked stating that the very "independent, io-depth evaluatioo" to which she refers concluded that the AZYF, as restructured in accordance with the consultant's recommendations which recommendations were, in fact, adopted by the AZYF leadership - would be the best vehicle for implementing the Israel Experience

activities in America. Not pleased with the evaluation made by the independent consultant commissioned by it, the Authority then requested its Americao Advisory Committee (AAC), consisting of leaders of the American Jewish community and headed by the noted educator Dr. Alvin Schiff, to engage in an intensive review over the summer. This exercise resulted in a unanimously adopted report by the AAC to the effect that the AZYF should be the vehicle or implemeotation of the Israel Experience activities in America and that, for that purpose, the Authority's funding

ought to be substantially increased. Under the circumstances, I trust your readers will understand why the AZYF leadership feels that the Authority's decision to reject the independent evaluation requested by it, as well as the unanimous recommendation of its AAC was "sudden" and "surprising."

3. Both the Charles R. Bronfman Foundation and the Council of Jewish Federations have made it clear that they were not involved at all in the decision by the Agency's Joint Authority to "dump" the AZYF; that distinction is left at the door of the Ageocy's Joint Authority.

JULIUS BERMAN, Chairman AZYF

#### BACKGROUND TO PALESTINIAN JESUS

Sir. - I refer to Andrea Levin's article of January 5, "Mocking Jesus and the Jews." Arafat may have 'informed" thousands of Christmas celebrants in Bethlehem that Jesus was a Palestinian, as pointed out in the article. But describing Jesus as a Palestinian is not Arafat's invention. Rev. Chaquri of Ibellin, Western Galilee, has been preaching this kind of "Gospel" for decades in his parish and also in many European countries. It was taken up in at least oce official and important document of the Catholic Church: The 'Notes on the correct way to Present the Jews and Judaism in Preaching and Catechesis in the Roman Catholic Church," issued in June 1985 by the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews" headed by Cardinal Willibrands, speak not only of Jesus as a Palestinian, they describe even the Jews of his time as "Palestinian Jews" and "Jewish Palestinians" (in chapter III, par. 12, 15,

At a big interfaith conference held in Prague a few years ago, it was decided to translate these 'Notes' into Slav languages, thus introducing its wisdom also into Christian Orthodox circles. The Jewish delegates to this conference had no objection whatsoever to these "Notes" and their

translations. Moreover, the Israeli government considers it as one of its great achievements that it reached an official treaty with the Vatican which recognizes Israel. In this treaty, the State of Israel endorses the stance and the educational functions (including the "Notes") of the Church and guarantees its free practice. I tried to draw the attention of officials involved in the negotiating process to the above "Notes" and their

implications, but in vain. So we should not be surprised when Arafat takes advantage of this

DR. ASHER EDER Jerusalem.

NO HOPE Sir, - Hopefully the prime minister and members of his cabinet saw the TV program Popolitica on January 8. If there was ever any doubt that the Palestinian people would ever agree to the cancellation of the Palestinian Covenant as provided for in the Oslo agreements, the candidates for election to the Palestinian Authority appearing on the program, representing a broad spectrum of Palestinian politics, finally confirmed that this would oever come

In view of the above, is Mr. Peres finally convinced to shelve the Oslo Agreements, by reason of non-compliance of the relevant clause, as he has so often stated recently? BERNARD E. LIPSCHITZ Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra.

POSTSCRIPTS SENSITIVITY OF the year

Coastal Corp. Margaret Graziano was keeping a vigil at the hospital bedside of her comatose 10-year-old soo when her boss at Coastal showed up - not for support and not for comfort. He came to tell her she had been laid off.

The oil company was restructuring and had to cut 18 jobs from its New York and Boston offices, a spokesman explained.

"They should have waited for a better moment, when they knew my son was out of danger, or they should have contacted me somewhere else other than here," Graziano said.

A credit analyst, Graziano took unpaid leave to stay close to her child, who was hit by a car. Coastal knows it was "horrible

timing for everybody coocerned," the spokesman said. He said Graziano's boss went to the hospital "to try and help her work through her options".

"I don't know what I'm going to do financially," Graziano said. "Why couldn't Coastal let me . stay? They are an \$18 billion black soeaker, on a railroad coats and play with mice," he

NEW YORK- wackes at work: a gang of four youths with a box cotter attacked a 45-year-old man and stole his artificial leg, leaving him bleeding oo the street. An ambulance crew later found him crawling away for belp. The attackers, ages 15 to 20.

were arrested and charged with first-degree robbery and assault. Police said the youngest boy sucrendered the razorblade cutter when he was arrested.

"I think they just wanted to slice somebody," said John Hammonds, who lost his right leg to cancer years ago. "They're wild animals. They wanted to see

Hammond was confronted by the youths, one wearing a mask. They punched, kicked and slashed him. "One grabbed my leg, and it came off. He picked it up and smiled at his friends," he

They fled with the prosthesis, not even bothering to look for his wallet. Later in the morniog, Hammond's brother found the limb, cled in his black sock and

TAKE 12 MALE scientists out of their lab coats. Place their pictures on a calendar. Display at bookstores. Record any changes in heart rates and cash register receipts.

The "Studmuffins of Science" experiment is under way for

The American calendar shows scientists skiing, swimming, lifting weights and - in the case of scientist Robert Valentini - sitting on a beach in a tank top and sborts.

Valeotioi, 33, who stodies. techniques for healing damaged tissue, is "Dr. September." He asked his wife if she thought he should have all "She said, For the sake of science, you have to

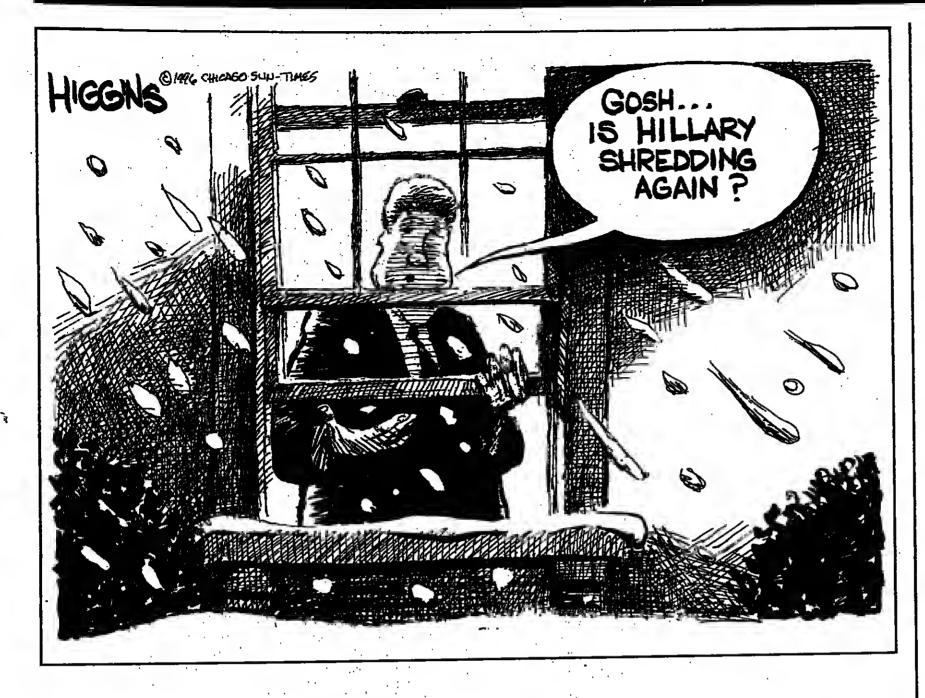
Valentini claims the calendar. serves a higher porpose than

"I think the ultimate idea is to make science and medicine more approachable, to make scientists look like real people instead of oerds in the lab who have white

# Tune in turn on

# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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# Flat tax = Trying to simplify the issue

## By MATTHEW MILLER

T's tempting to dismiss the Kemp Commission's coming call for a flat tax as the scary resurrection of supply side propaganda, a malevolent scheme to transfer billions to the rich at the expense of middle-class Americans and a newly exploding deficit. But we'll get to that.

First, it's only fair to assess the flat tax oo its merits. The Kemp group's expected endorsement, together with Steve Forbes's gentlemanly resolve to give the idea, as be might give his daughter, the best coming-out party money can buy, assures that the flat tax will get a bearing. What are we ro make of it?

The Kemp report will steer clear of specifics, to avoid saddling Bob Dole with a targer Democrats could shoot ar through November. But the proposal being pushed by Forbes and House Majority Leader Dick Armey is target enough. It replaces today's personal income tax, whose brackets range from 15 to 39.6 percent, with a single, flar rate of 17 perceot. It offers generous standard deductions for individuals and dependents, which take a family of four earning up to \$36,000 off the rolls entirely. At the same time, itemized deductions - such as favorites for mnrigage interest, charitable contributions and state and local taxes — are eliminated. All capital gains, interest and dividend income become fully tax-exempt; the estate tax is scrapped as well.

Does any of this make any sense? The big goals Kemp, Forbes et al say they're after might be dubbed the three S's: simplicity, savings and special interests. Take them in turn.

Simplicity. Ynu can hardly change the channel these days without seeing a GOP bopeful wave a postcard-size tax return while admiring crowds swoon at the nonon of how easy it will be, under a flat tax, to do their taxes. This campaign tableau is misleading. Hating the IRS is a partiotic duty, as seasonal, and harmless, as the seventh-inning stretch. But fot most Americans, paying taxes, while unpleasant, is not actually very complicated. More than 70 percent use the standard deduction. Twenty million filers use 1040 "EZ" forms that are almost, well, postcard-like: this year they'll be able to file via a 10-minute phone call. Though Steve Forbes says the 30 percent who itemize find it an "absolute hor-

ror," it takes an odd fetish to run for president mainly to ease the pain of better-off Americans whose cost in time or tax advice is a fraction of the money they're saving.

Business actually bears the cost of complexity in our tax code, accounting for the vast bulk of the infamous 5.4 billion man-hours that go into tax preparation each year. No doubt there's a case for simplification bere, but we're kidding ourselves if we think that in a complicated economy business accounting won't be harder than post-card math. In any event, disingenuously dressing up business relief as a "populist" initiative isn't the image flat-taxers hope to project.

When pressed on the simplicity issue, Fotbes says "the people" are really cheering the generous exemptions his plan offers, which roughly double those under current law. If so, they're cheering an illusion. Those exemptions, plus the 17 percent rate, explain why Treasury estimates that the proposal leaves a gaping \$140 billion (at least) revenue bole versus today's tax code. Fixing this so the deficit won't launch into orbit means halving the exemptions, or raising the single rate to somewhere in the low 20s. Combined with the flat tax's fine print, under which the Earned Income Tax Credit is scrapped and employees pay tax on their bealth benefits, most people earning below \$200,000 lose big.

Savings. A supply-side axiom bulds that lowering the after-tax return 00 savings and investment gives you more of this essential fuel for economic growth. Let's say that's right (though it's a matter of debate). Flat-taxers still don't say how much more. Maybe there's a reason. In the 1980s, lowet marginal tax rates were accompanied by a mysterious decline in savings as a share of GDP. Today, economists who aren't flat tax partisans agree it might increase private savings, at best, by 1 percent of GDP yearly. While every little bit helps, thar's hardly the kind of spur to growth that "optimistic" supply-side thetoric leads you to expect. (Bill Clinton's 1993 deficit reductioo package, by comparison, now adds about 2 percent of GDP yearly to national savings.) Why would savings rise so little? According to Bill Gale of the Brookings Institution, partly because half of private savings - via pensions, 401(k)s, Keough plans and most IRAs - already gets the tax-favored treatment a flat tax would offer.

Special interests. Yes, today's tax code is a stomping ground for lobbyists. But — surprise! — tomorrow's will be, too. Just as the beralded 1986 tax reforms failed to banish special interests from the trough, a flat tax won't either. Brookings' Gale sees a booming business for lawyers and lobbyists ahead. Take one example. Interest income is not taxable to corporations under a flat tax; they'll thus maneuver, legislanively and via structured transactions, to classify cash

inflows as "interest."

If it can't deliver on its declared goals, the flar tax succeeds impressively at one thing: it lowers taxes on wealthier Americans for whom earnings on capital are a higher proportion of income, and raises taxes on just about everybody else. Maybe I'm too blinded by envy to see that what this country really needs is a big tax cut for Steve Forbes and a big tax increase for his maid, who between payroll and "flat" taxes will fork over 30 percent. And this isn't "class warfare," it's a fact. The flat tax's original authors, Robert Hall and Alvin Rabushka, admit as much. The GOP's new addiction to the flat tax is yet another instance nf the ancient truth of electoral coalitions. Republicans give tax cuts; Democrats give "programs." Same currency, different voters.

Is there any way the GOP can rescue this proposal from being just flar unfair? Jerry Brown, 1992's flar-taxer, may bave the answer. Brown says the flat tax was never his full vision, but a piece of a "larger agenda" in which a flat tax throws nur "profound crisis of inequality" into starker relief, paving the way for a wealth tax to address the progressivity question directly. Forget for the moment that Brown didn't talk this way in '92; people evolve, especially in California. Almost a dozen European countries have taxes nn wealth. Even if the first \$250,000 in net worth is exempt (leaving just a handful of voters affected), a modest wealth tax with marginal rates of 0.05 to 0.3 percent would raise \$40-50 billion yearly, and go a long way toward remedying the flat tax's perceived injustice.

What about it, "Steve"?

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# Clinton's accuser considers testifying

By Robert Novak

Senate investigators speculate former Little Rock Municipal Judge David Hale, the only person who has publicly accused President Clinton of wrongdoing in the Whitewarer affair, will testify before Sen. Alfonse D'Amaro's special committee.

It is strictly up to Hale. He has pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud and has been awaiting sentence since March, 1994, while talking to Special Counsel Kenoeth Starr and the Whitewater grand jury. He is under no obligation to testify before the D'Amato committee.

Hale has claimed that Clinton, as governor of Arkansas, pressured him to make an illegal government-backed \$300.000 loan to Clinton's Whitewater partner Susan McDougal.

#### **DEMOCRATS SPLIT**

High-ranking House Democrats foresee a possible budget solution that would split their party leaders into two camps. Although Minority Leader Richard Gepbardt and Minority Whip David Bonior likely would oppose a compromise, their leadership team is not solidly behind them.

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Vic Fazio of California and Chief Deputy Whips Bill Richardson of New Mexico and Chet Edwards of Texas are eager for a budget compromise, even if it is opposed by the party's liberals.

Expected to back Gephardt and Bonior would be Caucus Vice Chairman Barbara Kennelly of Connecticut and Chief Deputy Whips John Lewis of Georgia and Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut.

#### **OREGON BLUNDER**

A lare independent expenditure by the Teamsters union in behalf of Democratic Rep. Ron Wyden may cost Democrats the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by the forced resignation of Republican Sen. Bob Packwood and privately given up for lost by national GOP leaders.

A radio advertisement accuses the Republican candidate, state Senate President Gordon Smith, of responsibility for the death of a 14-year-old boy killed at his plant. The boy's father was the supervisor of the work done by his son and has protested that the attack against Smith is unfair.

The prospect that the commercial could backfire against Wyden was enhanced last week when the usually liberal Portland Oregonian endorsed Smith, who is much mote conservative than winning Oregon candidates. The editorial attacked "negative advertising, personal attacks and bold distortion of the public record by both sides" but did not single out the Teamsters commercial.

### TOUGH RUSSIAN

Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott's statement of welcome for Russian President Boris Yeltsin's selection of bard-liner Yevgeny Primakov as foreign minister has been greeted with ridicule by diplomats across Europe. They see the appointment as a sign of Yeltsin's embrace of extreme naninnalism.

Talbott, reflecting the Clinton administration's desire to put Yeltsin in the best light, hailed Primakov's appointment on grounds that be was a friend of Mikhail Gorbachev. In fact, Primakov is the former boss of the KGB's foreign department and Russia's foremnst student of Stalinist batchet man Lavrenty Beria.

A brilliant intellectual, Primakov wrote a Pb.D. thesis reflecting his admiration of Beria's use of power as Stalin's secret police boss. In August, 1993, with Yeltsin uncertain about NATO expansino, Primakov pressured him to fight it. As foreign minister, his influence will escalate quickly as he pursues his aim of reducing U.S. world influence and restoring Russia's empire.

### Сомеваск Рете

Since terminating his disastrous campaign for president.

California Gov. Pete Wilson bas taken significant strides roward mending fences with his state's Republican Party and conservatives in general.

The governor's relations with GOP stalwarts and the California right deteriorated from the moment of Wilson's election to a first term in 1990 and hit bottom when he decided to temporarily abandon Sacramento and run for president. But since dropping out of the presidential race, Wilson has devoted his energies in the embattled anti-affirmance action inimance to be voted on by the state's voters in November.

The coolness between Wilson and Republican Stare
Chairman John Herriogton has been replaced by relative warmth,
thanks to Wilsoo's efforts to behalf of the initiative. Herrington had
made no secret of his unhappiness with Wilson's presidential ven-

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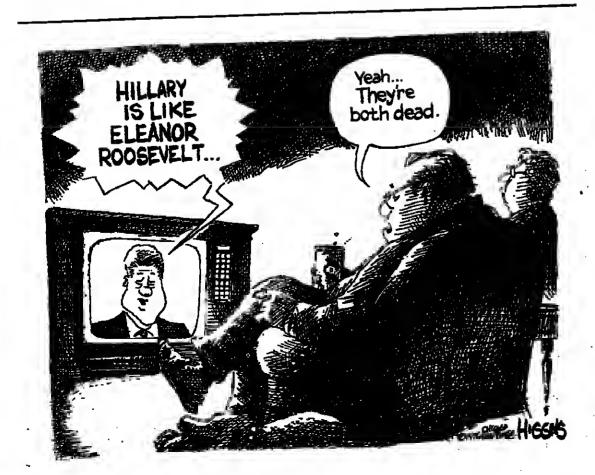
# EDITORIAL CARTOONS







"THE BAD NEWS IS THEY WANNATRY US AS WAR CRIMINALS...THE GOOD NEWS IS THEY'RE GONNATRY US IN L.A...."



# Election mudslinging starts early this year

By MICHAEL CROWLEY

rimary season is upon us in the United States, and on the airwaves in New
Hampshire and lowa, things have taken rather a nasty turn. "Since 1982 Bob Dole has voted for 16 tax increases.... Bob Dole voted to increase income taxes. Taxes on phones, gas, even Social Security...." "Million-dollar pensions for Congress paid for by tax-payers?... Bob Dole says 'Yes.'..."

A Gramm attack ad? A
Buchanan low blow? No, these are
the ads of the blow-dried, goodguy millionaire, Steve Forbes,
who's suddenly doing remarkably
well. Forbes's early ads, in which
he grins like a weenie while sketching our his flat tax, have suddenly
given way to a wave of attack
spots, nailing both Dole and
Gramm as sinister tax-raising
insiders, in the ominous tones of a
"Frontline" documentary.

This flurry of punches from a neopbyte candidate has stunned his opponents. But it comes as litde surprise to those familiar with Forbes's circle of advisers. Campaign pros agree that Forbes's ads bear the fingerprints of two staunchly conservative North Carolina campaign veterans who convinced Jesse Helms to run for Senare and then raised millions for all his campaigns, and who boosted the presidential ambitions of Par Buchanan and Pat Robertson. Their storied record includes the infamous Helms campaign "hands" ad, showing white hands crumpling a rejection letter for a "quota job" awarded to a black applicant.

Notorious in the world of campaign operatives, fixtures in deep-fried conservative circles, Tom Ellis and Carter Wrenn are masters of the inflammatory campaign. Forbes's rise may have less to do with his sunny Reaganism than with the dark side of his newest campaign opportunities.

Forbes met Ellis and Wrenn through mutual buddy and Reader's Digest editor Ken Tomlinson, and from the beginning, the Forbes campaign has tried to downplay their role. But the explanations fall flat. Ellis is described as an "unpaid volunteer" who occasionally drops a note, but before he stopped talking to the press, he was a verbose Forbes spokesman, familiar with details of the campaign's marketing, advertising and mass mailings. Wrenn moved to New Jersey to run the campaign headquarters in

Bedminster where, Forbes's aides implausibly suggest, he oversees the fax machine and "makes sure the lights are on." "To have a guy like [Wrenn] be the administrator of your fax machines is sort of like getting Michael Jordan to teach junior high school students to play basketball," says political consultanr Gary Pearce, who faced off against Wrenn and Ellis in a 1984 Senate campaign against Helms. Ellis himself told The Raleigh Triangle Business Journal this fall thar campaign manager Bill Dal Col is the "nitular head, I guess, but as far as the nuts and bolts of the campaign, Carter is doing ir

Sure enough, Forbes's menacing ads are straight out of the Wrenn-Ellis mold. "I recognize the product, and they're doing the ads," says Charlie Black, Gramm's chief strategist. "Almost like the mark of Zorro," says North Carolina politico Harrison Hickman.

Ellis and Wrenn's history is one reason for the Forbes campaign to keep them under wraps. Even Helms has stopped speaking with his erstwhile promoters, claiming they abused bis good name for their fund-raising (nevertheless, Helms introduced Forbes at a North Carolina rally last June as "Mr. President"). "They cleaned tooks," says Pearce. "A lot of people will complain about the racial appeals in their ads, but they win. They play to win."

Since the 1970s, the National Congressional Club (now called the Conservative Club), a fund-raising machine founded and directed by both Wrenn and Ellis, toped in almost \$50 million for Helms's campaigns and belped elect several other hardened North Carolina conservatives in the Helm's mold such as the state's acerbic junior senator, Lauch Faircloth. Under Ellis and Wrenn's guidance, the Congressional Club routinely hammered away ar the politics of division, nearly summed up by Wrenn in 1990 when be said that "Whar you have opposing Helms is another coalition of homosexuals and artists and pacifists and every other left-wing

Further back in the past, the politics get uglier. Ellis, a former segregationist, drove away support from Gerald Ford in 1976 by promoting the idea that Ford was planning to choose a black running mate; and he served as director of the Pioneer Fund, a group that has long funded research into

theories that whites are genetically superior to blacks.

Ellis's wacko racial views were the cause of a major media embarrassment for Ronald Reagan in 1983. When Reagan appointed him to the Board for International Broadcasting, on which Forbes himself would later serve, Democratic Senators Joe Biden and Paul Tsongas lir into him. Ellis was forced to admir to cozy relations with the apartheid government of South Africa (whose policies he said he didn't wish to "second-guess"); to his handbills abour Ford's alleged running mate; and to his directorship in the 1970s of the Pioneer Fund, whose charter ar the time discussed "racial betterment." Chastened, Reagan withdrew the nomination, saying be'd been made to seem "prejudiced, if not an outright bigot."

In appearance Wrenn makes an obese contrast to his thin, septuagenarian partner, but in ideology he is much the same. When he masterminded Helms's 1990 race against Harvey Gantt, the campaign sent out a 1990 mailing to 125,000 mostly black North Carolinians warning they could be prosecuted for going to the polls on Election Day.

So what is Forbes doing with these guys? The candidate stresses that be sets the direction for the campaign, but asked last work about Wrenn and Ellis, he had nothing to say about their racebatting past.

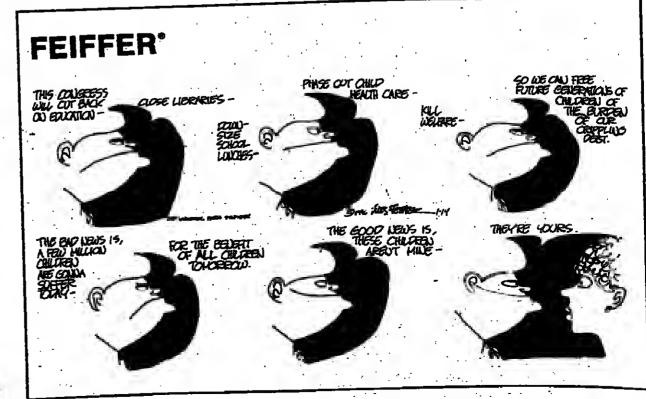
"There's a hard edge to them," explains Jude Wanniski, who helped persuade Forbes to run. "Just as a president has a Stare Department that's diplomatic, he has a Defense Department that hits." In other words, Forbes is quite happy with the value-free game of politics he assails his insider opponents for playing. And so far, it's working.

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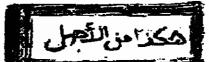
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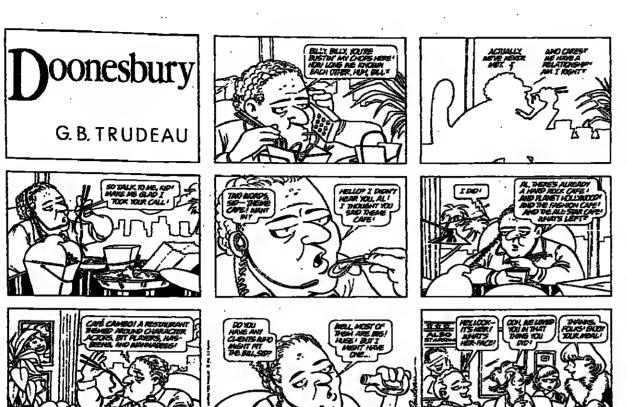


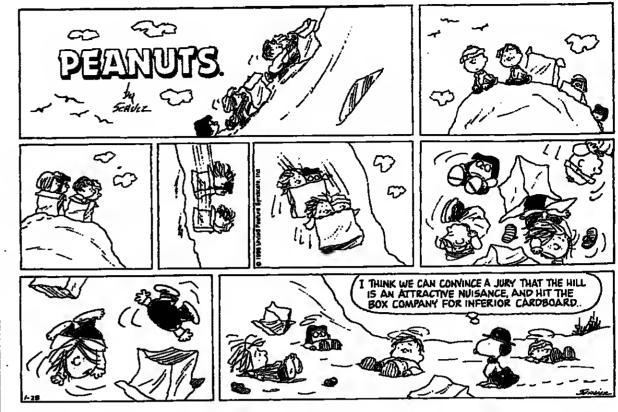
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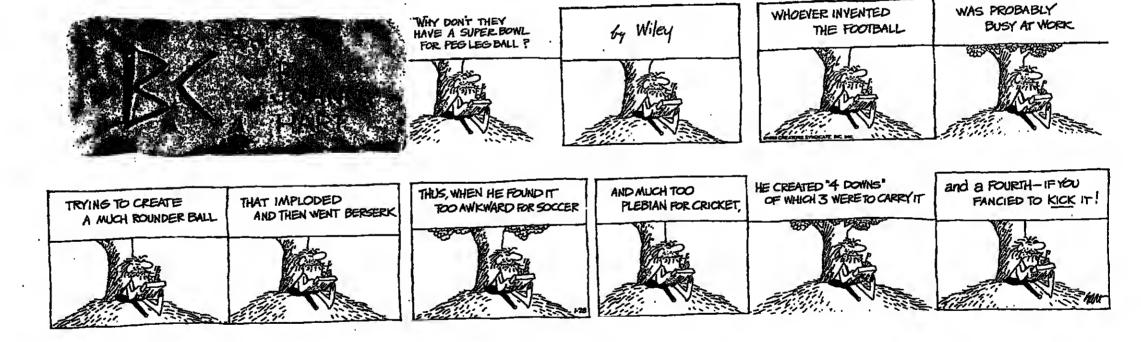
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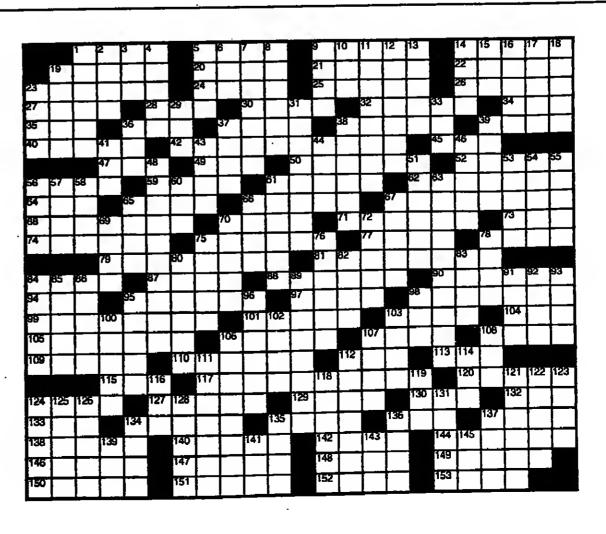






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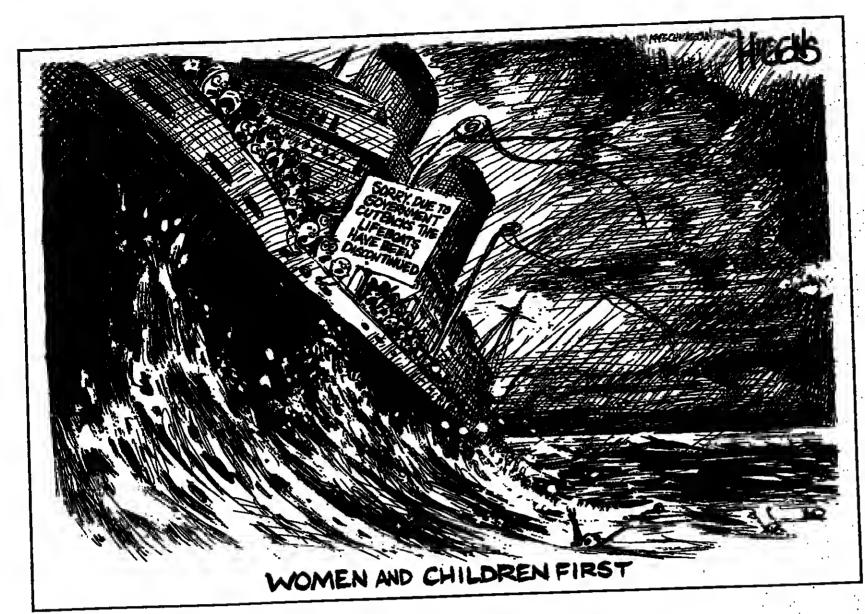
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# Red alert Changing the balance in Russia

By PETER REDDAWAY

s soon as the early results of the Russian elections of Dec. 17 came in, the American reaction was remarkably sanguine. The day after the clear-cut communistnationalist victory, White House spokesman. Michael McCurry saw "a strong presence in the newly elected Duma of reformers and those committed to democracy and market economics." Michael McFaul of Stanford University, like other Russia experts quoted in the media, held in a New York Times op-ed that "the election was a virtual replay of the voting in 1993" and that the overall halance of seats between hard-liners and reformists "will not change significantly." Moreover, "the electorate... has remained extremely stable in its sentiments.

Now that fuller data are available, it is clear that these commentators were seriously off-base. The results show unambiguously that hard-line forces made hig gains; the democratie parties suffered heavy losses; the forces hostile to market reform advanced; and both President Yeltsin and Prime Minister Chernomyrdin were humiliated.

Most of these points are illustrated by the fate of the only two parties of any size that are truly committed to democracy and free markets. Led by the economists Grigory Yavlinsky and Yegor Gaidar, these parties will, pace Mr. McCurry, have only 12 perceot of the seats in the oew Duma, compared to twice that number after the 1993 election. lo terms of the popular vote for parties (as opposed to individual candidates) they did equally poorly. Their combined share of the party vote dropped from 23 percent in 1993 to 10.8 percent.

More broadly, McCurry and McFaul fail to note bow, since 1993, the center of gravity of public opinion has moved sharply in the "wrong" direction on key issues. During the election, dominant attitudes among the voters were coolness and even hostility to market reforms and to the West, a desire to reincorporate Russia's neighbors into a new version of the USSR, and a yearning for an "iron hand" at home. To Russians, this term means a moderately authoritarian rule to deal with crime, corruption and the impoverishment of half the population. In my opinion, such rule would inevitably - even though many voters do not as yet say they want this - put an end to much of what is now left of Russian democracy.

What is the likely new balance of forces in the Duma? To date, we know for sure the party affiliation of 373 of the 450 deputies. Politically, they fall into four categories. The first two are generally authoritarian and anti-Western in tendency: the communists, who with the Agrarians will have about 178 seats,

and the hard-line nationalists, who will have about 67. Third come the centrists, most of whom have shown scant interest in democracy hut a strong commitment to political elitism and economic power for themselves. They will have about 65 seats. And fourth are the democrats, who will have about 63. This would give the hard-liners an advantage on political issues of about 245 to 128 over the combined centrists and democrats. The hard-liners, of course, are likely to prove almost as disunited as their notoriously fractious opponents. This is hecause 51 of them helong to the ultra-nationalist party of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who has never been interested in making a stable coalitioo with any other party.

The remaining 77 deputies are independents. Preliminary indications suggest that those who will align with the above groupings (and not just represent special interests) will change the balance only a little. So the Duma should have toughly this political coloration: about 16 perceot democratic (half of the 1993 figure), 45 percent communist (twice the 1993 figure), 15 percent hard-line nationalist, 19 percent centrist and 5 percent special interests and "other."

If we narrow the focus to look at parties' policies on foreign affairs, especially at whether they favor Russia's integration into Western security systems, or, alternatively, a return to Soviet-style superpower aspirations, the result is similar. While the views of a few deputies cannot yet he gauged, some 62 percent of those who can be categorized appear to fall in the latter camp, and only about 17 percent in the former (with the remainder in the middle). This represents a swing of over 20 percent in the anti-Western direction, compared to 1993.

A third categorization of the new Duma in terms mainly of deputies' attitudes to ecooomic reform is not encouraging either. Developed by a leading Russian analyst of electioo results, Alexander Sobyanin, and a colleague, Vladislav Sukhovolsky, it finds that only 16 percent of the deputies strongly favor market reform, 24 percent are "centrists" and almost 60 percent prefer a heavily socialized economy compared to a ruere 40 percent in 1993.

In the near term, Yeltsin may well try to appease the voters with some cabinet changes. But even if he doesn't, no major political upheavals are likely before the spring, because the Duma's powers are too limited.

If Yeltsin were to use one of these pretexts without the consent of a majority of the Duma - a contingency that Russians (though not Western wishful thinkers) take seriously - he would be tearing up the Constitution. Politics would then become even more unstable than they are now. But he may not want to run such an enormous risk.

Whatever happens, though, Washington needs to recognize last month's Duma elections as another serious serback to its own hopes and to revise its strategy accordingly. First, the U.S. should stop taking sides in Russia's internal

Second, we should start to prepare seriously for dealing with a Russia run increasingly by communists and nationalists. The shift may be sudden or gradual, and may also be accompanied by the appearance of Yeltsin Mark 5. restyled as a nationalist and authoritarian. All this requires of the U.S. serious efforts to get to know and understand the opposition leaders.

Third, the administration should also admit that several years of IMF-directed attempts at macroeconomic stabilization have not worked. Something is fundamentally wrong when the IMF is pumping into Russia hillions of dollars in loans, hut sums from twice to 10 times as large (depending on whose estimate is correct) are simultaneously leaving the country in capital flight. The clue lies in the miserably low level of domestic and foreign direct investment. These are held down by investors' deep uncertainties about ownership rights, taxation policies, organized crime, potential renationalization of privatized assets and general political instability. The U.S. needs to decide that it is healthier for the Russians to be allowed to make their own economic policy, even if it includes many mistakes, with ourselves playing non-directive, supporting roles:

Fourth, the U.S. should stop soft-pedaling on the Russian war in Chechnya. The administration's support for the Russian invasion in December 1994 will go down as a shameful day in the history of American diplomacy. But ever since the support was tooed down two weeks later, the U.S. has been unwilling to exert serious pressure on Yeltsin to end a war of awful savagery which, from the first day, has undermined Russia's democracy, sapped its economy

and dismayed most of its people. And fifth, the administration needs to realize that the Russian state is now so weak that organized crime and corruption will go on flourishing, and order will not be restored, for an unknown number of years - years in which many unpredictable things will happen. This puts a premium on such policy issues as the Mafia, refugees and peacekeeping, and on planning for a wide range of contingencies not just in Russia, but in much of eastern Eurasia. Dec. 17 was a clear warning shot. It's time for the West to stop covering its ears.

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# The president is not above the law

By Alan Dershowitz

In a ringing proclamation elevating the right of an individual to redress legal grievances above the power of the president to he Limmune from civil liability for unofficial acts, the United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit has reversed a lower court order which had delayed the trial of Paula Jones' sexual harassment suit against President Bill Clintoo until his presidency is completed. A divided court began its analysis with a recognition that our Constitution "did oot create a monarchy." Instead, it established a system under which every individual — presideot and pauper alike is subject to the same laws that apply to all other members of society." Accordingly, Paula Jones' federal lawsuit should proceed as any other private lawsuit would, without regard to the high elective office which the defendant now holds.

Well, not quite. The Court of Appeals went out of its way to make it clear that the trial court should schedule the case — both in its pre-trial and trial phases - with sensitivity "to the hurdens of the presidency and the demands of the president's schedule." What this means is that the case will - in practice, though oot in theory proceed on the president's schedule and not on Paula Jones' schedule. It also means that if the president exercises his right to seek rehearing hefore the entire 8th Circuit bench and to seek a writ of certiorari from the United States Supreme Court, even if he loses - which he probably will — the case will not really begin until after the election in November. This, by itself, is a political victory for the president, because it will mean that no damaging disclosures will be leaked during the campaign. That is probably why the president appealed the trial court's earlier ruling, which delayed the trial itself until after his presidency, hut allowed pre-trial discovery to proceed immediately.

Politics aside, the majority decision is correct in principle. It is important for the courts to come down on the side of individual rights when they are pitted against presidential prerogative. Whatever one may think of the credibility and merits of Paula Jones' factual allegations - and I do not put much stock in them - they raise important legal concerns under our civil rights laws. Hers is not a mere run-of-the-mill tort suit, involving private parties - as an automobile accident case would be. She is alleging an abuse of power by a state governor committed under color of law. Congress has legislated special civil rights cause of action for such claims, recognizing the important public interest involved in holding those in power accountable for private abuses committed under the authority of public trust.

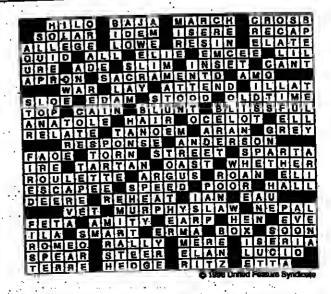
If the court of appeals had sided with the president in this case and granted him blanket immunity against all civil actions during his presidency, it would have created a dangerous and over broad precedent. The president already has immunity to protect him from lawsuits growing out of his official actions as president. It would strike an improper balance to extend that immunity to personal actions as well. For example, if President Clinton were to have actually punched columnist William Safire in the nose, as he quite understandably wanted to do, he should have no immunity from that unpresidential, but very human, act. In this case - if Paula Jones is to be believed, as she must be for purposes of deciding whether she has a right to try to prove her case in court - Bill Clinton is accused of even more serious

conduct. Not even the president is claiming that he should be permanently immune from suit for his unofficial actions. He, and the dozens of law professors who filed an amicus curiae hrief on his behalf, are seeking temporary hut total immunity from all suits heing conducted during his incumbency as president, even from those resulting from alleged acts committed before he became president. But justice delayed is justice denied, since delay is almost always a victory for the defendant. Witnesses could become unavailable, or forgetful, and the plaintiff, who bears the hurden of proof, generally suffers most from long delay. Also, if either the plaintiff or the defendant were to die before the lawsuit were concluded, the cause of actioo could disappear under Arkansas law.

All in all, the court of appeals struck the proper balance. It reaffirmed the principle of equal rights for all under our law, while recognizing the reality that the president is different and that his schedule must be accorded special deference. The decision vindicates the rule of law, while reflecting the tole of common sense.

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# Owning a pooch is a family affair

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FTER several news stories recently appeared ahont dogs attacking their owners' families, neighbors or even passersby, many people considering buying dogs have inquired about this problem.

Potential dog owners should know just what type of dog they want, and that dog should be suited to their living conditions, per-sonalities, etc. They should be especially sure of their choice if it is a dog of the true working types, even though some of these are not classed in the "Working Class" of the Kennel Club. This applies to rottweilers, Staffordshire buil terriers, pit buils, Doberman pinschers and, yes, even to good working-quality German shepherds.

These are animals that have been selectively bred for guard duty and will attack when signaled. The responsibility that falls upon the owners is just as great as that for keeping a loaded weapon in their homes.

This is why one must recoil in shock upon learning that a 16year-old boy in Tiberias bought himself a rottweiler. Neither the boy nor his parents had ever owned a dog before, but the breeder was happy to make the sale to an nnaccompanied

These dogs, when properly raised and handled, can be fine companions. Unfortunately, too few of the people who acquire them know how to do so. They allow the dog to follow its natural. inclination and be a one-person dog, and this person is usually the

only one that can handle the dog. The animal snaps and growls at anyone else who tries to discipline it, even in a matter like telling the dog to get down from a comfortable chair or putting a hand on its collar to insist on compliance. The dog also snaps

and growls if anyone approaches its food dish, even the person it usnally oheys. Usnally most members of the family become somewhat afraid of it and try to avoid confrontations. In many cases, the owner is secretly proud of his dog's "loyalty" and thus

encourages this behavior.
There is absolutely no place in a family setting for a one-person dog. A family dog should belong to the entire family and show the same respect to everyone, includ-ing the aged and the very young. It should never be allowed to interfere in family disputes or rough-and-tumble play between siblings. Furthermore, no dog should ever be allowed to snap or growl at any member of the

A Working-Class dog should not be left alone with children when they are at play, especially when the child is with friends the dog is unfamiliar with. Rough play and even childish scuffies may trigger an unwanted response. Such a dog also should not be left alone with guests or workers; it is preferable to kennel the dog when strangers are on the

These dogs should always be walked on a leash and be taught the meaning of this restraint and the absolute meaning of "no" and "down."

But, most importantly, be sure that this is the right dog for you and your family. Don't let the desires of one family member override mutual decision.

A family dog lives for a dozen years or longer with a family, and many changes occur within that period. Children grow up and go to the army, leaving the dog at home, people become ill; new members are added to the household. The family dog should be able to adapt to any of these

# Not-so-quiet diplomacy to the USSR

THERE AND THEN

SRAYA SHAPIRO

THERE didn't seem to be any chance of forcing the Kremlin to release the Soviet Jews in the early 1950s, nevertheless Israel owed it to the Soviet Jews to do her best to come to their rescue.

That was what Nehemia Levanon, a member of Kibbutz Kfar Blum who had been born in Riga, told Shaul Avigur and Isser Flarel at a meeting they had invited Levanon and some 20 other people to in a private apartment in Holon in 1952. A few weeks later, Harel, who was then the head of the Mossad, appeared at Kfar Blum to inform Levanon that he had been chosen to go to Moseow for precisely that

Levanon spoke perfect Russian, plus some of his former acquaintances from a socialist-oriented Zionist youth movement could serve as good contacts. Be-yond that, he had to rely on his wits and good luck. He was expected to operate from the Israeli Embassy in Moscow, though, of course, not openly.

Levanon describes what hap-

pened subsequently in minute detail in his book Hakod: Nativ ("Nativ is the code name"), a 500-page volume just published in Hebrew by Am Oved.

Before Levanon even reached Moscow, the Soviets had broken off diplomatic relations with Israel because a bomh had been thrown into the Soviet embassy in Tel\_Aviv.

Rather than abandon his mission, Levanon tried to continue it from Stockholm. The Israeli Embassy in Sweden listed him as a conrier. His allegiance, however, was directly to Avigor, the man who had directed covert Jewish immigration during the British Mandate period.

From Stockholm, Levanon wrote letters (with the same type of paper and ink then used in the Soviet Union) to a number of his . er for activities that weren't



Refuseniks, like these in front of Moscow's Lenin Library in 1988, became active after the Six Day War and didn't stop demanding the right to emigrate until Gorbachev came to power.(AFF)

former associates. Friendly diplomats mailed the letters from Moscow, helping Levanon supply false documents to a few Czech and Polish Jews whom he managed to gain seats for on the Bu-dapest-Helsinki Express.

After Stalin's death, diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union were restored, and Levanon and his family were able to go to Moscow. He found that the change in the Soviet leadership had barely altered the Soviet attitude toward

Another difficulty was that Israeli Foreign Ministry officials were uneasy about "outsiders" using embassy premises and covstrictly diplomatie. However, Levanon notes, doing so had been a common practice in Europe for centuries and the Soviet Embassy in Israel was a prime example of

Despite this, Shmuel Eliashiv, the head of Israel's mission in Moscow, thought more could be achieved by "quiet diplomacy." He was loath to irk the Soviet authorities by pressuring them on the issue of Jewish rights and emigration. Levanon, in contrast, was sure that in dealing with the Russians one would be wrong to

More worrisome was the frequently heard objection that the Soviet Jews themselves would suf-

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Fujita recalls proudly.

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"We brought Jewish identity to the Jews of Birobidzhan," Isaku

That was four years ago and

the Fujitas have since performed

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They taught their son Tanach, the songs of Israel and the Jewish

people, and a belief that "Jewish

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at the Tokyo Academy of Music.

At 16, he won a musical competi-

tion that Makuya sponsored by

playing Hassidic melodies on an

The prize was a trip to Israel.

His first stop was at the Western

Wall, and, he recalls, "I felt im-

As a teenager, Fnjita enrolled

relevant to all mankind."

fer if the authorities discovered their affinity for Israeli emissaries. The Soviet regime severely punished citizens for any contact with foreigners, and it seemed that no amount of caution could prevent

KGB agents from trailing diplomats and local inhabitants. Bnt the plight of Soviet Jews was such that they felt they were losing little by ignoring Israel's outstretched hand. Indeed, after the Six Day War, when Israel was forced to close its embassy again, Soviet Jews significantly increased their efforts to emigrate. The "Prisoners of Zion," as those imprisoned for trying to emigrate to Israel were called, continued

A trail of Jewish soul music

from Hiroshima to the Holy Land

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Jewish even from their prison cells. Ten Jews from Leningrad even attempted to hijack a plane.

THIS STAGE of Levanon's career came to a close when, while two Russians were being tried in Tel Aviv for espionage, Moscow requested that he and two other emhassy officials leave the

They did not even bother to declare us persona non grata,"

Levanon notes. Still, Levanon continued Operation Nativ, struggling to obtain accurate information about the Soviet Jews' fate and publicize it in the West. For example, Babi Yar, the poem in which Yevgeni Yevtushenko mourned the Jews whom the Germans had murdered near Kiev, was made widely known by the efforts of Le-

vanon and his colleagues. Then, in an unprecedented gesture, US senator Henry Jackson linked Soviet preferential trade conditions to freedom of emigration for Soviet Jews. Though the KGB continued to arrest Jews who were caught listening to the Voice of Israel broadcasts or otherwise disclosing their affinity for Israel, a small number of Jews whose families were already in Israel were permitted to leave.

The emigration restrictions were not lifted until Mikhail Gorbachev rose to power. Gorbachev said that though he did not cherish the idea of the Jews leaving - their skills as scientists, engineers and physicians were needed - he was aware of the unease in which they lived in Russia. He also understood their desire to live in a Jewish state.

It irks Levanon that some critics glibly charge that Israel did little if anything for the Soviet Jews. Obviously, his own work had been top secret. But back in the mid-'50s, David Ben-Gurion himself had proved to be far ahead of everyone when, digressing from a lecture on a biblical subject, he had said that the state must prepare for mass immigradeclaring their right to remain tion from the Soviet Union.

## Bhutan: Is it Shangri-la or gulag with a view?

THILE the world readies King Jigune Singye Wang-for the 21st century, chuck, Bhutan's sober, hardergy keeping parts of the 20th century out.

It has no television station, and satellite dishes are banned except for use by diplomats and foreigners. There are three lawyers. The only newspaper comes out once a week. Political parties are outlawed, the head of state is an absolute monarch and there is a national dress code.

In this cool green nugget of the eastern Himalayas, live a hardy, placid Buddhist people who eat fiddlehead ferns and yak meat and who can point out the treetops and mountains where evil spirits dwell.

Snow leopards and whitetailed monkeys bound through forests of juniper, larch, blue pine and rhododendron. Buddhist prayer flags flutter by the thousands from hillsides. Towering above valleys made verdant by monsoon rams, snow-dusted peaks soar high into the sky.
"If there is a Shangri-la left in

the world," an awestruck conservationist from the Washingtonhased Worldwatch Institute wrote after a visit, "it is Bhutan." But now Bhutanese leaders are

asking if Shangri-la can withstand the onslaught of Judge Dredd, Jean-Claude Van Damme and other invaders of contemporary culture and market economics. And there is this more funda-

mental, troubling question: Is, or was, Bhutan really Shangri-la? Though astonishingly beautiful, it is one of Asia's poorest countries. At the start of the 1990s, a mysterious exodus took

place here that some say resulted from ruthless "ethnic cleansing." Today, 86,000 ethnic Nepalis are living in UN refugee camps in southeastern Nepal; they claim that they were expelled from Bhutan or terrorized into fleeing by Bhutan's army and police.

Shangri-la? Bhutan is more like a guiag with a view, suggests the State Department's 1995 Human Rights Report, compiled from interviews conducted outside the country.

But the country's leaders deny the claims, and independent proof of the most serious charges is scanty or nonexistent. The US has no embassy or dip-

lomatic relations here, and until last spring, an American human rights reporting officer had not visited in four years.

"It's the budget squeeze," explained a US diplomat based in

neighboring India.

Today, Bhutan survives as the only sovereign Himalayan realm whose state religion, Mahayana Tantric Buddhism, blends mystery, ritual, mantras, and belief in supernatural gurus able to turn into griffins or eagles. ties muzzled Kuensel's coverage for a year. Nepali-language 

on November 11, knows all about the fate of the other Buddhist kingdoms that once ruled. Himalayan heights. Via Time, Newsweek and shortwave radio, he keeps tabs on the world. And when you get down to it, the king said, his main concern is a massive influx of illegal immigrants.
"I feel the No. 1 problem of the 21st century is going to be economic migration," he said.

Over the past decade, the greatest challenge to Bhutan has come over the western mountains - from Nepal, a Hindu land with more than 30 times Bhutan's population and a prolific birthrate.

The National Assembly has enacted many watchdog laws, such as a building code that requires Bhntanese wooden-frame windows, cornices and other motifs of traditional architecture.

"Otherwise, it will all evaporate in this process called devel-opment," Home Minister Dago Tsering explained.

But whether change will be all that manageable seems dubious. In the southern city of Samchi on the Indian border, a region more open to outside influences, budding teachers at the National Institute of Education hosted a talent show this autumn that included two students lip-synching M.C. Hammer's 1990 rap hit "U Can't Touch This."

For some in the audience, this was a cultural bombshell. The craze for Western culture

is the aspiration of the young these days," Nim Dorji, a plant manager who was the evening's guest of honor, said with a frown.

BY ALL accounts, trouble came to Shangri-la in the late 1980s. In 1988, a national census revealed that there were 100,000 illegal Nepalis in Bhutan.

What happened next in this ne-glected land is murky. The next year a royal edict made the traditional Drupka costime - for males, an ankle-length kimono, or gho; and for women, the kira, a long dress - mandatory for Bhutanese when visiting government offices, monasteries, schools and public gatherings. In September 1990, protests broke out in the south. Several

the Royal Bhutan Army. Militants from the Bhutan People's Party, an ethnic Nepali group, decapitated officials and kidnapped suspected police informers across the unpatrolled border to tea estates in West Bengal, where they were tortured and some were executed. On the Bhutanese side, authori-

thousand demonstrators marched

in from India and clashed with



King Jigme Singye Wangchuck (shown shortly after his coronation in 1974): I feel the No. 1 problem of the 21st century is going to be economic migration.

The Cambridge Illustrated History of

broadcasts of All-India Radio were jammed, Indian human rights activists said. And "ethnic

cleansing" began - or did it? "There was a clear policy to evict," asserted Ravi Nayar, head of the New Delhi-based South Asia Human Rights Documentation Center, who swam across a river, his laptop computor on his head, to investigate

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what was going on in southern Bhutan in the early 1990s.

But Brian Shaw, a Bhntan specialist who visits regularly, counters that, though he has found evidence of police abuses, the charges of an organized government terror, rape and mass deportation campaign are "the policy of the Big Lie."

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capital of the ex-Soviet Union's Makuya living "Jewish Autonomous Region," where an audience of Jews and in Israel has their Siberian compatriots were weeping emotionally during a conbecome a cert of Jewish and Israeli soul music. The two Hebrew-speaking major composer performers on stage were Isaku of Klezmer and (Yitzhak) Fujita and his wife

> Hassidic music. **Tom Tugend** writes from LA

in Germany, Holland and Japan as Israel's musical emissaries. Isaku Fujita was in Los Angeles mediately as if I were coming recently, where he performed in back to my spiritual homeland." two concerts. In an interview, he He returned to Japan to finish traced his path from Hiroshima, his education and started comwhere he was born 30 years ago, posing for the movies. Then, eight years ago, at age 21, he decided to live in Israel to reto his immigration to Israel and role as interpreter and creator of search Jewish soul music, which Fnjita's parents were members he defines as "Klezmer, Hassi-dic, anything that comes from the of Makuya (Tabernacle), a Christian non-missionary movement

Jewish soul." In Tel Aviv, he began studying with composer Noam Sheriff and clarinetist Giora Feidman, whom

P'nina, a trained vocalist and Makuya follower who had moved to Israel and was studying with Israeli singer Shuli Natan. In recent years, Isaku has

evolved into a major composer on Israel and Jewish themes. His magnum opus is the symphonie poem. "To the Holy Land," first performed two years ago in Isra-el, which will be the centerpiece of the January 24 and February 4 concerts here. The music opens with the blast

of the shofar, traverses Jerusalem's Old City, the Judean desert and the Sea of Galilee, picks up the sounds of church bells and the mosque's call to worship, and closes with a prayer for the eternal peace of Jerusalem.

Also on the program are popular and liturgical Hehrew melo-dies, sung by P'nina, with Isaku accompanying her on the synthesizer.

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# Sampras upset by unseeded Aussie at Open

MELBOURNE (AP) - Australian Mark Philippoussis attacked Pete Sampras with aces, thundering forehands and tantalizing chips yesterday and knocked the No. 1 seed out of the Australian Open in the third round.

Philippoussis won 6-4, 7-6 (11-9), 7-6 (7-3) in a 2 hour, 14 minute match in which he blasted in 29 aces.

The loss cost Sampras his No. 1 ranking, but later rounds of the tournament will determine whether the new top man is Andre Agassi or Austrian Thomas Muster. Both preceded Philippoussis into the round of 16.

It was the second Australian-American epic battle in two nights. On Friday, American Jim Cnurier ware dawn Australian Todd Woodbridge 6-3, 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 8-6 in a 41/2 struggle, also before 15,000 spectators at Center Court.

"I could just toss it up and ace," said the 19-year-old winner, who had been having a bad run in the two weeks before the tournament and is ranked No. 40. "It's an unbelievable feeling. Tonight was like nothing I've felt before."

In the previous round, Philippoussis ousted Israeli Eyal Ran from the tournament, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. 6-2.

His next opponent is another Aussie, Mark Woodforde, a 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, 6-4 winner over Francisco Clavet of Spain vesterday.

Sampras struggled with his first serve, and said later: "I wasn't serving great, but I wasn't having trouble holding my serve. My problem was trying to break him. I was a little overwhelmed."

Philippoussis, who winds up with a loud grunt when he blasts his forehands, has been advised to add some other weapons to his game. Saturday night, he bedeviled Sampras with backhand chips to his feet.

But power still is the outstanding part of his game. His fastest serves were clocked at 207 k.p.h.

Philippoussis faced only two break points all night, and saved both. Sampras faced six and saved all but one, at 4-5 in the first set, when he double-faulted once and then the Australian was attacking his second serve.

Philippoussis reached set point on a drop volley that hit the net cord and a backhand error by charging in.

Then Philippoussis stretched wide to make a backhand crosscourt pass that Sampras got his racket on but couldn't handle.

Sampras saved two set points en route to the second-set tiebreaker, and two more in the tiehreaker, in which he also held

But Philippoussis got a minibreak at 9-9 when Sampras hit a backhand volley wide, and took the set with a strong serve.

In the final set tiebreaker, Philippoussis raced to a 6-1 lead and took the match when Sampras netted a backhand serve return.

It was Australia's biggest tenhis success since Pat Cash won Wimbledon in 1987.

Sampras, who had beaten Philippoussis in a taugh four-set match at the US Open last year, said,"He has definitely improved in the last six months."

The roof on Center Court was closed because of rain earlier in the day, and Sampras said that made Philippoussis' serve even better, without any problems with wind.

It was the first time Sampras had lost in straight sets in a Grand Slam tournament since bowing to Sweden's Stefan Edberg in the semifinals of the 1993 Australian

In other matches, for a change, Boris Becker didn't have to show his mastery of five-set matches.

Sweden's Magnus Larsson kept the match close for just one set before No. 4 seed Becker won 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-3, advancing to the round of 16 at the Australian

In first two matches, Becker needed five sets to come from behind. Another member of the tough Swediah contingent, Thomas Johansson, won the first two sets against Becker. But now with a 30-13 record in five-set matches, he has won more than any other active player.

This time, he said, serving was easier with the Center Court roof

"I felt my serve was very, very good, and he didn't have much chance to get on it. The match didn't go to five because of that," said Becker, who has won five Grand Slam titles, but none since the 1991 Australian Open.

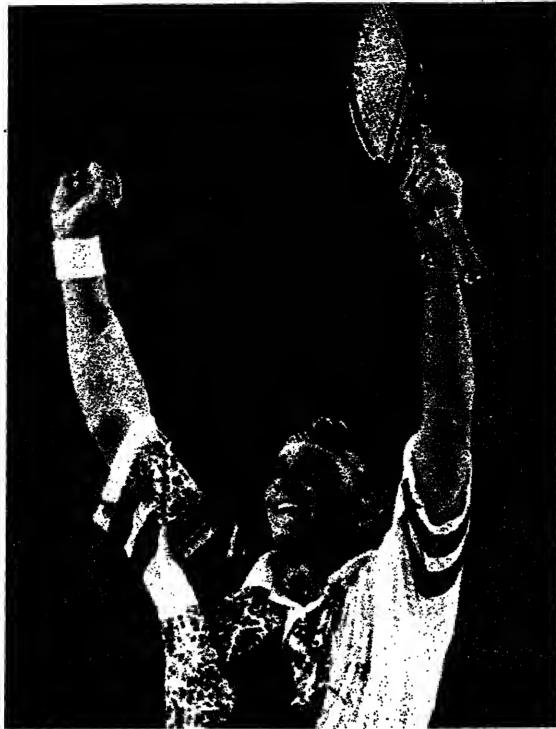
Meanwhile, another Swede was victorious. No. 7 Thomas Enqvist won his third-round match against Hernan Gumy of Argentina,

No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia beat Australia's Michael Tebbutt 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 on Center Court. The first two sets were played with the roof open, and temperatures as high as 29 degrees Celsius, dropping suddenly to 16. Then came the rain. The roof was closed, and play resamed about an hour later.

On the outside courts, play was interrupted for 31/2 hours. American MaliVai Washing-

ton won one interrupted match, beating Mauricio Hadad of Colombia 6-4, 6-2, 6-3. He faces Kafelnikov next.

Becker's next foe, Brett Steven of New Zealand, beat Jan Sie-



Anstralian Mark Philippoussis raises his hands in triumph after defeating No. 1 Pete Sampras yesterday in Melbourne.

merink of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2.

In other Friday action, No. 5 Michael Chang defeated Guillaume Raoux 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) and defending champion Andre Agassi beat another qualifier, No. 225 Steve Bryan, 4-6, 6-0, 6-

Chang's way into the fifth round became a little easier when with a back injury in the third set against Jean-Philippe Fleurian. Though Fleurian beat former champion Stefan Edberg in the. previous round, he's likely to find Chang a much tougher opponent.

No. 3 Thomas Muster outlasted Nicklas Kulti 6-4, 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, and Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman, ranked 34th, ousted No. 15 Todd Martin, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-

Three of the top women players, including teen-agers Martina Hingis of Switzerland and American Lindsay Davenport, beat the rain with quick morning victories. but had to deal with winds that moved shots and blew plastic bags and other trash onto the

for a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Mana Endo, who had climinated No. 5 Kimiko Date.

Davenport, seeded 10th, beat Finland's Nanne Dahlman 6-4, 7-.

Playing under the roof on Center Court, No. 2 Conchita Marti-

nez of Spain beat Germany's Jana Kandarr 6-3, 6-0. Elena Likhovtseva of Russia, who ousted defending champion Mary Pierce in the second round, reached the round of 16 with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Rita Grande of

On Friday, No. 3 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Sandra Cacic 6-3, 6-3, No. 6 Gabriela Sabatini routed Karin Kschwendt 6-1, 6-2; No. 7 Iva Majoli beat Alexandra Fusai 6-2, 6-1; No. 9 Mary Joe Fernandez ripped Nicole Arendt 6-1, 6-1; No. 13 Chanda Rubin defeated Laurence Courtois 6-0,

# Ewing scores 41 as Knicks down Sonics

SEATTLE (AP) - Patrick Ewing scored six of his season-high 41 points in overtime as the visiting New York Knicks beat the Seattle SuperSonics on Friday night.

Ewing, who also pulled down a season-high 16 rebounds, put the Knicks ahead 97-95 with 33.3 seconds left. The Knicks outscored the Sonics 8-2 in the final 1:45 of overtime.

Seattle was led by Shawn Kemp's 25 points. Ewing sent the game into the

overtime with a basket from the

side with 6.3 seconds to go.

Bullets 93, Nets 87

In Baltimore, Gheorghe Muresan scored the go-ahead basket with 36 seconds left as the Washington Bullers, despite blowing a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter, ended a threegame losing streak by beating New Jersey.

Chris Webber returned after a 10-Chris Webber returned after a 10game absence to score 25 points for the Bullets on 11-for-25 shooting. Brent Price made his first three 3-

point attempts in run his streak to an NBA-record 13 straight over three games before he finally missed in the fourth quarter. Scott Wedman and Jeff Hornacek shared the old mark of Thuberwolves 190, Spurs 92 Isaiah Rider scored 19 of his 27

pints in the second half as revived Minnesota beat visiting San Antonio for its first three-game winning streak in nearly three years. The Wolves snapped a nine-game losing streak to the Spurs by harassing them into their worst shooting performance of the season. With Sean El-

game, San Antonio shot just 37 percent as it lost its second straight, Tom Gugliotta had 14 points and 14 rebounds for Minnesota and Darrick Martin had 14 points and a ca-

liott sitting out his fourth straight

reer-high 13 assists.

Jazz 111, Magic 99

John Stockton had 17 assists and scored 11 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and Karl Malone scored 37 pnints as host Utah defeated Oriando.

In Thursday night action, Dino Radja scored 23 points and Boston's sharpshooters took over in the fourth quarter as the visiting Celtics over duater as the visiting Centes over-came a season-high 51 pnints by Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon.

Olajuwon, who narrowly missed his career high of 52 points, missed a shot that could have forced oversime

Celtics 108, Rockets 106

FRIDAY'S RESULTS: Indiana 89, Detroit 81 Atlanta 82, Philadelphia 77 ngton 93, New Jersey 87 Charlotte 114, Minus 106
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## Anderson traded to Hornets

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) - Kenny Anderson, who has struggled to regain his All-Star form of two years ago, was traded by the New Jersey Nets to the Charlotte Hornets on Friday in a four-player deal.

Anderson, averaging 15.3 points and 8.0 assists and will become a free agent after the season, was dealt with Gerald Glass for Kendall Gill and Khalid Reeves.

Gill was averaging 12.9 points, shooting 48 percent from the field and 31 percent from 3-point range.

with 2.1 seconds left. He had 14

Bulls 92, Raptors 89 In another Thursday night matchup in Toronto, Michael Jordan acored 15 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter as Chicago survived a scare to defeat Toronto for their 10th straight win.

After, Damon Stondamire's jumper cut the Bulls' lead to three with 16 seconds left, the Raptors sent Luc Longley to the free throw line with a chance to ice the game. But Longley missed both attempts to give the Rap-

tors one last gasp.

However, Oliver Miller's shot from about 30 feet with time running out

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## Australia clinches World Series Cup

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Australia clinched the World Series Cup with an eight-run victory over Sri Lanka yesterday in a tense and ill-tempered limited overs match which was shortened because of

Set a revised target of 168 from 25 overs after a storm rolled across the Sydney Cricket Ground during the day-night second match in the best-of-three finals, Sri Lanka finished on 159 for eight. Needing 17 runs off the last

over bowled by leg-spinner Shane Warne with two wickets in hand, Sri Lanka tailenders Chaminda Vaas and Manjula Munasinghe were unable to hit the boundaries they needed.

Australia took the Series 2-0, having won the first match by 18 runs in Melbourne two days ago.

Extras (lb-5 w-1) 6 Total (for five wickets, 50 overs) 273 Fall of wickets: 1-135, 2-170, 3-176, 4-Did not bat: P.Reiffel, S.Warne. Did not bat: F. Schler, C.McDermott, G.McGrath.
Bowling: Vaas 10-1-47-1, Pushpakumara 8-1-39-0 (w-1), Munasinghe 4-0-33-0, Dharmasena 10-0-45-2, Jayasuriya 8-0-57-0, Kalpage 10-0-47-2. Sri Lanka S. Jayasuriya c McGrath b Warne A. Gurusinha c Warne b Reiffel

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5-0-31-1 (w-1), Warne 5-1-20-3 (w-1),
S.Wangh 1-0-14-0.
Result: Australia won by eight runs.

## S. Africa beats England again

EAST LONDON, South Africa (Reuter) - England stumbled to another embarrassing defeat hy South Africa after losing their last seven wickets for just 40 runs in the sixth match of the limited overs series on Friday.

Chasing a modest target of 130 on a low, slow pitch helpful to the seamers, England lost their heads as they plunged from 75 for three to 115 all out.

Two of the dismissals were run

South Africa's victory was their fourth in succession in the series. They lead 5-1 going into today's final encounter in Port Elizabeth.

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Bowling: Cork 8.4-1-22-2 (1-ab., t-w).

Martin 7-0-23-2, Gough 10-1-25-3 (1-ab).

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Bowling: Pollock 10-3-15-1 (1-nb). de Villiers 8-1-10-2, Klussener 4-0-19-0 (1-w).
Spell 9-4-2-22-2 (3-w), Kallis 3-0-9-0 (2-w), Adams 9-1-26-3 (6-w).

#### DALLAS (AP) - Barry Switzer says Deion Sanders could be among the best receivers in history if only he'd give up baseball and concentrate on football full-

"No one has as many snaps and is as versatile as Deion," the Cowboys coach said. "He has an

His contributions to the Cowboys could be even greater if he gave up haseball and went through a full training camp with quarterback Troy Aikman, said Switzer, who is hard at work preparing his team for next Sunday's Super Bowl against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"He would probably be one of the greatest receivers ever to play the game," Switzer said. 'He's got unbelievable skills

and unbelievable talent," Aikman agreed. "I feel personally that he could play wide receiver and he could be a very good one. "To say that he could be the best that's ever played, I don't

know about that, "But he certainly is an outstanding defensive back. That's what he was brought in here for. But because he's such an exceptional talent, you want to get the ball into his hands and let him create things."

"When you play the Cowboys now, you're playing them at their best." Green Bay quarterhack Brett Favre said, whose team lost 38-27 to the Cowboys in the NFC championship last Sunday. "They have a great quarterback, a great running back, great receivers, a wonderful offensive line, the fastest defense in the NFL - and now they have Deion.

"If you can beat them with what they have now, then you're beating, in my opinion, one of the greatest football teams to ever grace an NFL football field." Sanders and Favre played to-

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Cleveland 98, Vancourier 30 Germany's Anke Huber, seed-6-2; and No. 15 Naoko Sawaed eighth, beat Ludmila Richtermatsu beat Japanese compatriot ova of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-0. Sanders not fulfilling full potential



MAN OF MANY TALENTS - Deion Sanders and his daughter Deiondra attend a news conference.

dubbed Favre "Country Time." Favre, said he first encoungether in Atlanta in 1992, and tered Sanders on a visit to Florida State back in college, and he'll when the flashy Sanders took the nickname "Prime Time," be

"My sophomore year at Southand the first play of the game i zone." threw a beautiful touchdown

ern Miss, we went to Tallahassee: danced his way into the end

him right in the chest and he undeniably the game's most ex-

citing player.
"He's so fast and so explosive Favre's teammate, split end and he can really get his teamright to him," Favre said. "I hit: Anthony Morgan, said Saiders is mates involved," he said.

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**DEREK FATTAL** 

FOUR National league clubs

were eliminated from the State

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Aviv and Hapoel Kfar Sava also

lost against lower-level

io Friday's program was played,

as bad weather led to the other

three matches being postponed.

These matches have been re-

Young Jaffa L, Betar Jerusalem 6

As was to be expected, the side that currently heads the National League

had no problems crushing the dreams

scheduled for Tuesday.

Beersheha, where Hapoel fal-

tered against Kiryat Shmona.

round yesterday.

opposition.

# Last-minute drop-goal lifts France past England

# Scots hold off spirited Irish once again

PARIS (Reuter) - A drop-goal in the last minute by Thomas Castaignede carried France to a dramatic 15-12 victory over England vesterday, their first against their arch-rivals in the Five Nations championship since 1988.

The match was deadlocked at 9-9 with just four minutes to go when Thierry Lacroix seemed to have snatched a win for France with a penalty from the halfway line.

But French joy at the Parc des Princes was cut short less than two minutes later when English fly-half Paul Grayson leveled the score again with his second dropgoal of the game.

With seconds ticking away and France apparently deprived once more of a first win over England at the Parc in eight years, young French center Castaignede found space in front of the English goal to seal a hard-fought victory.

In a maich of much effort but no tries, all the points until then had been scored by the opposing ily-halves Lacroix and Grayson.

On a hitterly cold afternoon in Paris, the passions aroused by every France-England encounter generated plenty of heat, yet not enough for the match to defrost until the final minutes.

France succeeded in dominating, particularly in the second half, hul found themselves thwarted by a dogged and determined England defense who gave them few chances to display their running game,

Despite French pressure, England had some reason to feel the listes were not with them. Grayson was robbed of another dropgoal in the 56th minute wheo his kick bounced off a post and the visitors twice came within a whisker of scoring a try.

The first effort caught France

cold in the very first minute when Mike Catt kicked through the French defense and Emile Ntamack fumbled the ball as he tried to stop the try.

Wing Rory Underwood came steaming through but just failed 10 get the downward pressure, which would have delivered a weighty psychological blow for England.

England's other good chance came in the 16th minute when skipper Will Carling played a great reverse pass to Underwood to open a yawning gap in front of the French posts.

But Underwood's pass to Catt. just in front of the line was down by the full-back's ankles and the opportunity was fumbled.

The match took a while to come to life with no scoring for almost half an hour before Grayson grabbed the first penalty. Lacroix leveled in turn with a penalty five minntes before the break hut Grayson gave England a halftime lead of 6-3 with a second penalty right on the interval.

A Lacroix drop goal put France back on terms 15 minutes into the second period, and less than 10 minutes later he gave the French the lead for the first time with another penalty, only to see it canceled out almost immediate-

ly hy Grayson's first drop goai. That set the stage for the dramatic finish which salvaged what had been far from the brilliant spectacle many had anticipated before a match hilled as the crunch game of the tournament.

Scotland 16, Ireland 10 In Duhlin, brave Scotland weath-ered a second-half Irish onslanght to stretch their nnbeaten Five Nations sequence against their opponents to nine matches with a victory.

The visitors, playing with the wind at their backs in the first-half, looked like they were going to win with something to spare after scoring two early tries followed by a magnificent drop-goal from fly-half Gregor Town-send a minute from half-time which gave them a 16-3 lead.

But Ireland showed their fighting spirit almost immediately when a se-ries of driving rucks by the forwards set the ball up for tight-head prop Peter Clohessy to score from five meters out and set up a passionate sec-

The Scots managed 10 prevent any further scoring despite facing a strong wind and driving rain, thanks to a combination of gritty defeoding and poor decision-making from Ireland. All 100 often Ireland, especially full-back and captain Jim Staples, full-back and captain Jim Stapies, elected to kick deep when he might have been better advised to open up play and try to bring wingers Richard Wallace and Simon Geoghegan into

As it was, neither player was given a clear chance to run at his direct opponent for the whole match.

In contrast, the Scotland backs ran the ball wide when the opportunities arose in the first half and this approach bore fruit in the 22nd mioute when left wing Michael Dods touched down in the corner to finish off a good move involving Townsend and center

Although, Dods was wide with his cooversion attempt, the Scots were already handily placed as a result of an opportunist try from hooker Kevin McKenzie in the 12th minute.

McKenzie silenced the Irish supporters in the 48,000 crowd when he dived on the loose ball behind the line after Ireland second-row Gahriel Fulcher had furnhled a line-out throw five otters out

Dods, picked ahead of Kenoy Logan on the wing because of his goalkicking ability, also landed a penalty from in front of the posts after El-wood was spoken to for a high and late tackle on Townsend to make it 13-3. Townsend's drop-goal stretched the Scottish lead and the ground work for a victory had already been laid.

Try as they might, Ireland could not find a way through the gallant Scotland cover for a touch-down in the second-half, while Elwood was wide with two kickable penalties. The last Irish win over the Scots was in 1988, since when they have now lost eight matches, including one

in the World Cop, and drawn the

of Young Jaffa at the Gaon Stadium vesterday. Hungarian import Istvan Pishonet found the net four times, while a live-ly Eli Ohana made his mark twice.

Hap. Beersheha 1, Kiryal Shmona 2 This North versus South tie provid-ed the shock of the day, with Second Division Kiryat Shmona getting the better of Beersheha's National

League representatives.
Two goals in three minutes by the visitors proved Beersheba's undoing. with Nimrod Elhaz nelting what

The physical condition of the outherners looked suspect in the sec-ond period, and Stav Elimelach pulled a goal back for Beersheba in the 70th minote.
Nevertheless the visitors held on to

add a further black mark to Boersheha's miserable season. Mac. Sha'arayim &, Hap. PT 8

(after extra time) (Sha'arayim won 5-4 on penalties) This epie coofrontagon between Third Division Sha'arayim and the National League's Hapoel Perah Tikva was still a goalless stalemate after 120 minutes.

After the first five penalties in the penalty shoot-out the side's were still tied. The Petah Tikvans faltered in the sudden death phase, while Sha'arayim's Sassi Menaged fired straight and true to continue the un-

Fowler hit his second in the

68th minute. Stan Collymore and

Roddock, who had opened the

scoring in the 27th, added goals in

Wimbledon's veterao striker

Mick Harford was sent off in the

54th minute for a second booka-

ble offense in their home game

against Queeo's Park Rangers.

Middlesbrough, the club man-aged by likely future England

coach Bryan Robson, had de-

FIRST OIVISION: Barusley 1, Crystal Palace 1; Charlion 4, West Bromwich Albi-on 1; Grimsby 1, Millwall 2; Haddersfield Q. Oldham 6; Ipswich 2, Birmingham 6;

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the 89th and 90th minutes.

But the Dons won 2-1.



Hap. TA, Beersheba stunned

by minnows in State Cup

YOUNG AT HEART - Eli Ohana scored twice in Betar Jerusalem's easy win yesterday.

Hap. Tel Aviv 3, Mac. Acre 4

(after extra time) This surprising scoreline is even more incredulous given that the Tel Avivans had huilt up a 2-0 lead early

Acre fought back with goals from Vladimir Zirani and Patricio Sayag, the went ahead in the 58th minute

through Eli Ayash.
It looked as if the Second Division side would hold on until the final whistle, but an injury-time goal by Hapoel's Alon Ophir took the game into extra time.

Justice was restored when Ziraoi found the back of Hapoel's net again in the 94th minute to seal one of the

day's surprise victories. Mac. Tel Aviv 1, Hap. Jerusalem 0 Maccahi Tel Aviv have Eli Driks 10 thank for supplying the game's soli-tary goal five mioutes into the second half against the Second Division lead-

The Jerusalemites rarely looked a serious threat, while Maccabi seemed content to run on low throttle ahead of next week's resumption of the title

ampton, who has not won since

Boro, who were without their

injured Brazilian playmaker Jun-

inho, were reduced to 10 meo for

the last 20 minutes with Whelan's

dismissal for e foul on striker Neil

Shipperley, his second bookable

offense in the space of four

The premier league's top

marksman, Alan Shearer, scored

his 27th goal of the season as

champions Blackhurn Rovers

November 25.

Mac. Haifa 6, Ness Ziona 4 Ness Ziona proved somewhat more

trouble than Ajax Amsterdam in the

sole match played on Friday.

The hosts took the lead in a see-saw match in just the sixth minute. Ofer Shitrit - who struck four goals in the game - equalized in the 22nd minute, while Eyal Berkowitz edged Haifa shead in the 30th minute.

Ness Ziona leveled just two minute later. Haifa's discomfort increased sharply soon after the break as the Second Division upstarts went 4-2 ahead with goals from Eyal Hayim and Ophir Hayim.

Both sides had a man sent off mid-

way through the second period, but this had little effect on the Haifaites, who rescued a desperate situation with three goals in just 10 minutes Revivo added his second and Hai-

fa's sixth goal in the dying seconds.

Ironi Ashdod 1, Hap. Kfar Sava 0

A deserved 70th-minute goal hy
Ironi's Jan Talasnikov proved to be enough to take the Second Division hosis into the draw for the next round, in a largely lackluster bout. Hap. Haifa 2, Hap. Bat Yam 1

halftime with a 1-0 lead. However a 54th-minute penalty converted by ven Atar was followed by a goal six minutes later by colleague Amir Turj-man which thwarted the Second Divi-

sion side's challenge.
Mac. Netanya 1, Mac. Herziiya 3 Despite having Alex Barmacher sent off in the second half, Herzliya remained in the driving seat. Substi-tute than Bachar snatched the visitors final goal in the last minute of the

Second-half goals by Beil She'an's Hana Faroud and Shimon Danan put paid to some stubborn opposition by the Betaris. For much of the first period the visitors from the Third Division had the upper hand, but they faded as the match wore on.

Buei Yehuda 5, Hap. Bir al-Maksur 0

The followers of Bir al-Maksur, who made the journey from their vil-lage of 7,000 souls to the Big Orange, were left with little to cheer after the host team ripped into the Fourth Di-

vision challengers.

Alon Mizrahi hit a hat trick for Bnei Yehuda, while Nir Sivila added two goals to his personal tally. Hap, Ashdod 1, Mac, Petah Tikva 2

The Ashdodis caused problems for Petah Tikva, particularly in the first half, as they fought to nullify Maccahi's early goal provided by Tal Bnaya. Yossi Shoshani's second-half goal proved to be the winner for the Naional Leaguers.
Mac. Yavne 0, Ironi Rishon 1

Second Division Yavne looked to be on the way to stretching the match 10 extra lime, when Danny Alher struck in the final minute to take Rishon in to the next round.

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side ahead, have picked up only

one away point all season. They

remain five points behind QPR at

Kanchelskis scored six minutes

from time to give Everton a 2-1

win at sixth-placed Arsenal - who

were forced into a number of

changes through injury or sus-

pension to key players, especially

Striker Ian Wright, captain in

the absence of the suspended

Tony Adams, put Arsenal io

front with a magnificent goal in

Wright dummied John Ebhrell to take Danish midfielder John

Jensen's pass, theo twisted and turned away from at least three

Everton challenges before plant-

ing a crisp, low, left-foot shot into

the corner of the net from 18

Russia international Andrei

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

Massachusetts beats Duquesne to go 16-0 No. 1 Massachusetts beat Duquesne 93-89 to up its record to

16-0 io top 10 college ba In other early results, No. 8 Georgetown improved to 16-2 with an 86-62 victory over Setoo Hall, while No. 9 Memphis fell to 12-3 with a loss to Marquette 59-55.

EU gives UEFA six weeks to change rules The European Commission said on Friday that the European

soccer body UEFA had six weeks to end its transfer fee system and nationality restrictions or face fines. The commission said in a statement that both practices, which were declared illegal in the so-called Bosman ruling of the European Court of Justice, violated European Union law barring agreements that restrict It said it might also investigate relations between European

clubs and the rest of the world and national transfer systems. This could send bigger shock waves through the soccer world since the December 15 Bosman ruling addressed only the question of dealings between clubs in different EU countries.

Disney gets okay to buy 25% of Angels Walt Disney Co. received approval from Major League Baseball to huy a 25 percent stake in the California Angels, broadening the entertainment giant's reach into big-time sports. In a statement, Disney said it will become managing general partner of the team when the approval becomes effective March 18. Financial terms were not disclosed. Disney, which has interests in film, television, theme parks and merchandising, already owns the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim, a

NHL Board approves sale of Stars, Jets The NHL Board of Governors Friday approved the sale of the Dallas Stars and the Winnipeg Jets. The approval clears the way for the Jets to move from Manitoba to Phoenix next season. New Jers owners Steve Gluckstern and Richard Burke said everything is in line for the team to begin play at the America West Arena in Phoenix.

Sievinen breaks record in 400m. medley Finnish swimmer Jani Sievinen broke his own 400-meters medley short course world record yesterday, setting a time of four minutes 6.3 secoods, the Finnish STT news agency said. Sievinen, who woo the event in the Finnish national short course championships at Lappeenranta, knocked more than a second off his previous record time of 4:07.10, set in Malmo three years ago, STT said.

Australia may not go to World Cup Australia captain Mark Taylor yesterday raised the possibility of his team withdrawing from oext month's cricket World Cup because of security fears. Taylor said the decision would rest with the players, who will meet to discuss their position at a team meeting in Adelaide on Tuesday.

Australiao players have reportedly received death threats following a series of controversies which have overshadowed the recent test series against Pakistan and Sri Lanka, the two countries hosting the World Cup with India.

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## **GUESS WHO**

Who won the NHL MVP the season hefore Wayne Gretzky started his streak of eight straight Hart Memori-al Trophies?

Bobby Clarke Bryan Trottier Gny Lafleur

Answer to Thursday's 'Guess Which': Boris Becker, in 1991, was the last non-American to win the men's singles title at the Australian Open.

## Beardsley winner sends Newcastle 12 points clear LONDON (Reuter) - England Fowler converted the penalty for feoder Phil Whelan sent off as climbed to fifth, their highest poveteran Peter Beardsley hit a the first of his two goals to put they crashed to their fifth successition this season, with a 3-0 ter Paul Kitson had put the home

Liverpool two u

3/th minute goal to give newcas tle United a 2-1 home win over bottom club Bolton Wanderers and send them 12 points clear at the top of the English Premier League yesterday.

Striker Robbie Fowler and defender Neil Ruddock scored two goals apiece in Liverpool's 5-0 home rout of 10-man Leeds United to leap into second place. They are ahead of Maochester United, who plays at West Ham . tomorrow, on goal difference.

Leeds defender Gary Kelly was sent off on the hour for bringing down Liverpool's goal-bound left back Rob Jones inside the box. PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal L. Everton

2; Blachburn 3, Sheffleid Wednesday 0; Chelson 1, Notingham Forest 0; Liverpool 5, Leeds 0; Manchester City 1, Coventry 1; Newcastle 2, Bolton 1; Southampton 2, Middlesbrough 1; Winhledon 2, Queens Park Rangers 1.

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Burnley 0; Shrewsbury 1, Swansen 2;
Stockport 0, Walsaff 1; Swindon 3, Hall 0.

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home wio over Sheffield Wednesday. Rovers, who also scored

through Norway's Lars Bohmen and Kevin Gallacher, are 16 points adrift of Newcastle, four behind Liverpool and Manchester United and three short of Tottenham Hotspur, who could leap to second if they win at Aston Villa today.

Beardsley's goal was his 100th in Newcastle colors in two spells with the club.

Bolton, whose Iceland defend-THIRD DIVISION: Barnet 1, Hereford 3; Bury Q, Northampton 1; Cambridge United 1, Scanthorpe 2; Cardiff 1, Rochdale 0; Darlington 1, Exeter 0; Hartlepool 2, Ches-ter 1; Lincoln 6, Preston 0; Mansfleid 1, Pullman 0; Plymonth 1, Colchester 1; Scar-borough 0, Doncaster 2; Torquay 2, Leyton Orient 1; Wigan 2, Gillingham 1.

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# Stocks close higher

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks shot higher Friday in reaction to strong earnings reports, despite a mixed reading on the economy that sent bond prices lower.

On the Wall Street, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was up 60.33 to finish at 5.184.68.

Despite the strength in the Dow average, advancing issues barely led decliners on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume was heavy at well over 400 million shares and up from

Thursday's pace. Broad market indexes also

Blue-ehip stocks henefited from a rush to safe, highly liquid names, said Thomas Brown, market strategist at Rutherford. Brown and Catherwood in Philadelphia.

"This is a market where quality is leading the way, and the cyclicals are really in the fore-

front of that," Brown said. The Dow industrials were led higher by IBM, up more than 6 points near the close. The computer giant on Thursday posted a 41-percent gain in fourth-quarter

earnings. Also gaining strongly were Dow components Philip Morris, General Electric, United Technologies, Aleoa and Union Carbide.

General Electric said fourthquarter earnings rose to \$1.12 from 45 cents a year ago. Cyclical stocks were also

helped by a December employment report that showed a strong increase in manufacturing employment.

The Labor Department said businesses added 52,000 jobs in December, mostly in manufacturing. That was the biggest increase since February 1990. The nation's unemployment rate remained at 5.6% in December.

# Market shifts focus to corporations

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) -- Washington can't stop bickering about the hudget? We'll just take our ball to another park.

.That's what Wall Street seemed to say this past week, as investors drove stock prices sharply higher, even in the face of further deterioration in budget negotiations.

Concerns about the moribund talks have not vanished. But they



have "shifted to the back burner," said John Cleland, chief investment strategist at Security Benefit Group of Companies, based in Topeka, Kansas.

"The focus now is on earnings, and how fast the economy going to continue to grow.'

An early peak at earnings did not disappoint. Corporate titans including IBM, Chrysler, General Electric and Microsoft released surprisingly robust profit reports this past week.

Out of 635 earnings released by the end of Thursday, 307 came in above expectations compared with 209 below, according to I/B/E/S Inc. Ed Keon, a spokesman for

I/B/E/S, said one reason for the number of upside surprises might be that more companies had warned ahead of time that their earnings might not be great. Still, an "encouraging" number of companies have so far exceeded expectations, he concluded. Investors rewarded them by

driving their stocks higher, pushing the Dow Jones industrial avcrage up to 5,184.68.

# UK shares end mixed

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - UK shares finished mixed today as investors decided to take a breather after a frantie week which saw UK and European interest rates fall, but the FTSE index was only a fraction below all-time record highs. The FISE 100, which set an alltime high yesterday after a 45point rise, closed down just 0.3 points at 3,748.4 a gain of 91.1 on

the week. FRANKFURT - The stock market soared to record heights on the back of the strong dollar, gains on Wall Street overnight and demand related to a key German share options expiry. The DAX blue chip share index from Friday week.

ended at a record closing high of 2,398.76, up 17.86 points on the day and up 42.31 from last Friday. In post-bourse trade the DAX stood at 2,400.58 up

TOKYO .- Tokyo shares ended flat, with index-linked buying and bargain-hunting making up for weak bank shares amid uncertainties over the problem of housing loan firms ahead of a parliament session starting next week, brokers expect players to stay on the sidelines early next week. The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 4.28 points or 0.02% to 20,365.76, rising 78.34

# \$ up ahead of G7 meeting

**CURRENCY REPORT** 

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar rose against most major currencies Friday as traders dumped the German mark ahead of this weekend's Group of Seven meeting where Europe's slowing economies will be the

Figures released Friday showing steady unemployment in the US supported expectations that European central bankers would lower rates sooner than the US Federal Reserve.

The dollar fell slightly against the Japanese yen as investors jettisoned marks in mark-yen trades, strengthening the yen against the

The mark's weakness comes as Europe and particularly Germany showed signs of economic slowdown.

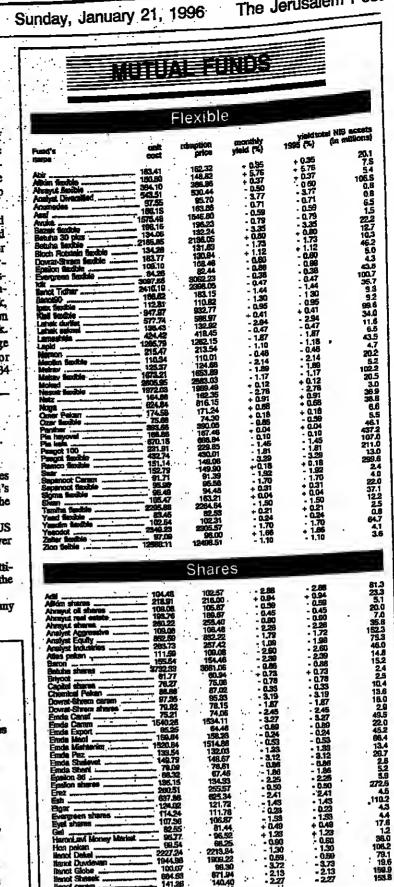
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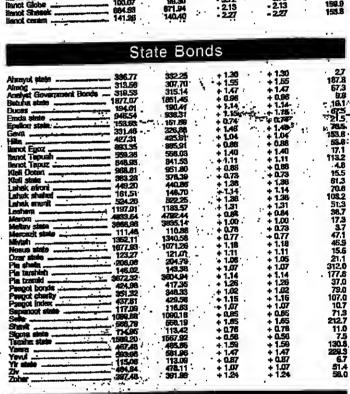
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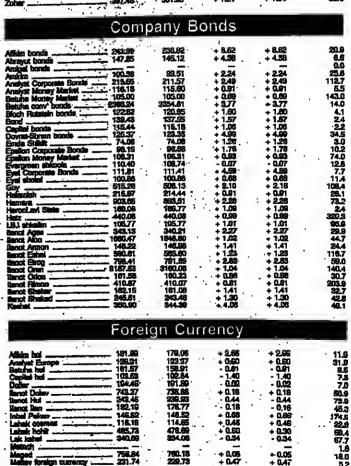
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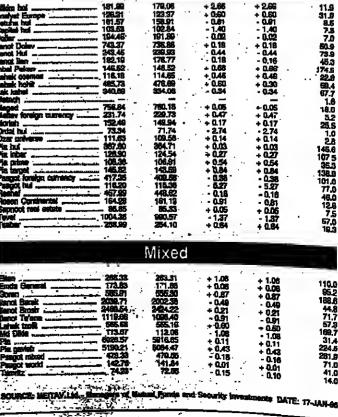
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## CRITIC'S CHOICE

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

JERUSALEM mezzosoprano Susanna Poretsky, who has been working at the. Metropolitan Opera in the last few months, performs arias bγ Donizetti. Tchaikovsky. Meyerbeer and Rossini with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

Jerzy Semkow will lead the orchestra in Bernstein's Prelude, Fugue and Riff. while Yossi Arenheim plays
Mercadante's Flute Concerto, and pianist Tomer Lev joins to play in Scriabin's Fire Fantasy with special lighting effects.

Revital Hachamoff plays the world premiere of Haim Permont's Elegy for piano and orchestra with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under Itai Talgam. Also on the pro-Ninth ("The Great")

Symphony. Tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium and Saturday at the North Theater in Kiryat Haim. 8:30.

In preparation for Musica Nova's 10th anniversary, ensemble members will discusstheir work overthe past decade tonight (8:30) at the Israel Music Institute in Tel Aviv.

#### TELEVISION

#### RUTH KERN

FOR most schoolchildren growing up in Cold War America, Charles de Gaulle was little more than a living caricature. He had that unmistakable profile, ranked somewhere below Churchill in the pantheon of Allied leaders, and once crossed the Atlantic to stir up a bit of trouble in Quebec. Other than that, like France - indeed Europe - itself, he was vaguely glamorous and impenetrable.

Now, thanks to a fascinating documentary on the Discovery Channel, De Gaulle has been revealed as a very complicated political animal who set events in motion that still reverberate in today's headlines. Tune in De Gaulle and France tonight at 8 or, repeated again, at 10:45.



gram are the overture to Weber's opera Der Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman are on the trail of a serial killer

#### FILMS

\*\* SEVEN - In David Fincher's gruesome but engaging psychological thriller, a serial killer commits one grisly murder for each of the Seven Deadly Sins. The picture was written by Andrew Kevin Walker, who strives quite consciously for the pitch and texture of a '40s crime film. He does a good job. Despite the atrocities the shadowy slaughterer commits (squeamish viewers are warned to steer clear), the action focuses mostly on character and setting. These are, respectively, two mismatched police detectives - regal Morgan Freeman and cocky Brad Pitt - and an unspecified, always-rainy American city, well along in its decay. The film is entertaining in a trashy, morbid way, although by the time it winds round to its inevitable surprise ending, the Seven-Sin-Plan also comes to seem a little cynical. In one fell swoop, a major Christian construct is reduced to nothing more than a nifty plot propeller. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult: ID will be checked.)

ADINA HOFFMAN

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## CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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- wasteful expenditure (11)
- 20 Actually operative (2,6)

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25 Transfers further portions

22 Army awards the MC (4)

23 Starting off by making a

- 26 Doctor in directors' pocket
- is subject to attack (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Savoury sausages from a
- Greek island (7) 2 Architectural high-flyer (4)
- 3 Blueprint for coaster? (6) 4 Wasted young woman in
- confinement (8)
- creates disaffection (10) 16 Discard a controversial EC

5 Despondent when given a

9 Meet to take possession

13 An untruthful country

6 Smouldering anger (7)

grilling (7,3)

- farming policy (3,5)
- 17 Lad swallowa single humbug (7)
- 18 Get a hundred choristers assembled (7)
- 21 No TV channel reflected his inventive genius (6)
- 24 Pass the fish (2,2)



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### QUICK CROSSWORD

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14 Iraqi capital (7) 15 Feast (7) 16 Fanciful musing

19 Savoury jelly (5) 20 Grinding tooth (5) 21 Foreigner (5)

E CHANNEL 1

**TELEVISION** 

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 The European Miracle 8:30 Society 8:55 Reading Comprehension 9:15 Nature 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 Family Relations 10:30 History 10:55 Science 11:10 Licas History 10:55 Science 11:10
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Math 12:25 French 12:40 Society
13:05 Geographical Eye 13:30 Animal
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14:00 Peter Pan 14:20 Cartoons
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Garfield 15:55 Who's Afraid of the Derk? 16:20 Screen Wonders 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Zep to - computer program 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Arnal and Karnal's Studio 19:00 HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 Mebat News 20:45 On the Border of Hope – documentary about socio-economic differences in the Tel Aviv area 21:45 Personal Story

- Yael Dan interviews 22:20 World soccer 23:30 News 00:00 Stories of the Good Land

#### CHANNEL 2

13:00 Laser Patrol - cartoon 13:30 Power Rangers 14:00 Flying Doctors 15:00 The Flintstones 15:30 Me and the Boys - comedy 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News maga-zine, with Rafi Reshef 17:30 The Mommies - comedy 18:00 Senora 19:00 Central Park West 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune - game show 22:00 Gabi Gazit - current affairs and entertainment 23:20 75-85 - short documentaries and archival news reports from the last two decades on events which later became major political issues. The bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor - part 3 00:00 News 00:05 A Small Place 00:35 Moonlight Israeli music 01:30 Moonlighting — Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Willis 02:30 Poem of the Day

JORDAN TV

14:00 The Flintstones 14:30 Droopy Master Detective 15:00 Family

## WHERE TO GO

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#### MIDDLE EAST TV

10:00 Changed Lives 10:30 Quentin 10:00 Changed Lives 10:30 Quentin Road 11:30 Hour of Power 12:30 Central Message 13:00 Love Worth Finding 14:00 Benny Hinn 14:30 John Osteen 15:00 In Touch 16:00 Foundations of a Happy Family 16:30 Film 18:10 Christy 19:10 48 hours 20:00 CNN Headline News 21:00 Water Sports World 21:30 Caught 23:30 Studio 7 00:00 Film

## CABLE

#### FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Bob 10:55 Cafe Americain 11:20 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Triats of Rosie O'Neitl 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 ENG 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Agropole 18:00 One Neighbors 17:10 Antonella 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and The Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Law and Order 21:40 Golden Years 22:30 Tales of the City 23:20 Countdown - marathon of Family Channel shows that could win Golden Globe awards 23:21 Mad About You 23:45 Seinfeld 00:10 Seinfeld 00:35 Frasier 1:00 Frasier 1:20 Murphy Brown 1:45 Murphy Brown 2:10 Friends 2:35 Friends 3:00 Live Golden Globe Awards

#### MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 A Woman's Tale (1991) - powerful Australian drama about a woman dying of cancer (rpt) 12-10 The Bells of San Angelo (1947) - classic Western starring Roy Rogers (rpt) 13:25 What's New at the Movies 13:35 Face of a Stranger (1991) – drama starring Geena Rowlands (rpt) 15:15 Baby of the Bride (1991) – drama starring Rue MacLanahan as a woman who decides to have a baby late in life (rpt) 16:50 Water (1985) — British comedy starring Michael Caine as the governor of a poor Caribbean island that discovers mineral water. Also with Brenda Vaccaro, Billy Connolly, Eric Clapton, Ringo Starr and George Harrison. (93 mins) 18:20 What's New at the Movies 18:35 For Those I Love (1983) – based on the story of Martin Gray who ost his family in the Holocaust, comes to America and starts a new family only to lose them too in a forest fire. Starring Michael York. (140 mins) 21:00 Local Hero (1983) – British comedy about a bored Texan millionaire (Burt Lancaster) who sends one of his flunkies over to Ireland to look for oil Directed by Bill Forsythe (106 mins) 22:50 The Naked Target – cute cornedy staming Anthony Perkins as a nerd who is handcuffed to a briefcase containing classified documents. The fun starts when the keys to the handcutts are lost (95 mins) 00:30 Shootlighter (1992) - actioner about two friends who learnt martial arts at the same doio as kids and now find

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radio station (rpt)

#### E CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Sandokan 9:00 Magic Bus 9:40 Silver Hawks 10:10 Step by Step 10:30 Dad Rules 11:05 Adventures in a Lost Land 11:25 Odyssey 12:05 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 The Magical World of Dinosaurs 14:00 White Fang 14:30 Dragonslayers 15:10 Silver Hawks 15:40 Punky Brewster 16:15 Lois and Clark 17:10 Loony Toons 17:30 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 Sandokan 19:00 Magic Bus 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Family Ties 20:55 The Brady Bunch 21:25

#### **■ SECOND SHOWING (6)**

22:00 Duel in the Sun (1946) - This epic Western directed by King Vidor and produced by David O. Setznick describes a stormy love triangle between an exotic young girl and two brothers fighting for her heart. Starring Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck and Joseph Cotten (130 mins) 00:15 Le Jardin de Delices (1970) – surrealistic black comedy directed by Carlos Saure. A rich industrialist is suffering Saure. A non industrialist is suitering from amnesia after a car crash. His family tries to help him remember his former life, in particular the number of his Swiss bank account (91 mins)

#### **■ DISCOVERY (8)**

6:00 Open University: Art and Culture 12:00 Open University: Art and Culture
12:00 Court TV 13:00 Nature of
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20:00 De Gaulle and France 21:00
Human Nature 22:00 Beyond 2000
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#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

18:00 News flash in Arabic 16:15 Open Studio 16:45 Arabic debate 17:15 Migrating Birds - new series 17:15 Migrating Biros – new senest tackles issues of marrying out and inflated downtes in the Arab community 18:00 Weekly Column – in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 International culture magazine 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Telekessef 21:15 NBA garne 22:15 True stories about heroic cops 00:00 Closedown

ETV 2 (23) 15:30 Hey Dad - comedy series 16:00 English enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea With Delphi 17:30 Time Out - daily entertainment guide 18:00 The European Miracle 18:30 A New Evening (rpt) 19:00 Zombit 19:30 Weekly Magazine in Russian 20:00 A New Evening (with subtitles in Russian) 20:30 Family Album 21:00 L'Articolo 2 (95 minutes) - Sa'id, an immigrant from Algeria, lives with his wife and three children in Italy, in a village not far from Milan. His second wife arrives unexpectedly from Algiers, creating an awkward situation

#### **SUPER CHANNEL**

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 Inspirations 10:00 ITN News 10:30 Air Combat 11:30 Profiles 12:00 Supershop 13:00 The McLaughlin Group 13:30 Europe 2000 14:00 Executive Lifestyles 14:30 Talkin Jazz 15:00 Supersport 18:00 Meet the Press 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Best of the Selina Scott Show 21:30 Fashion World 22:00 ters of Beauty 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 Best of The Tonioht Show 1:00 Late Night with

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#### **■ EUROSPORT**

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#### **■ PRIME SPORTS**

6:00 Live Australian Open tennis 8:00 Chinese league basketball 9:30 Asian sports show 10:00 NBA: Golden State vs Charlotte 12:30 Cycling 13:00
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works by Stokowski, Stravinsky and
Schoenberg 13:00 Artist of the Week
- flutist Irena Grafenauer. Mozart:
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### CINEMA

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WEATHER

SARAH HONIG

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres will be unanimously elected Labor's candidate for prime minister today. The Labor central committee will have oo other

candidate before it. Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet announced on Friday afternoon that he has decided

not to challenge Peres. Shetreet's explanation for his about-turn was that he had opted not to run "so as not to damage party unity."

But the issue of party unity did not prevent Shetreet from touting his challenge to Peres for several weeks or from attempting to collect enough signatures to put his name on the ballot.

The talk among Lahor party members last night was that Shetreet had failed to collect the 300 signatures of ceotral committee memhers and the 2,500 signatures of rank-and-file party members to back his candidacy.

Shetreet, however, denied this vehemently and asserted that he indeed had obtained all the occessary signatures, but that "what finally moved me was the overwhelming need to defend party unity and to prevent further harmful divisiveness on the left, beyood that which we unfortunately are witnessing these days,' presumably an allusion to the dropping out of the Meretz primaries by that party's oumber-

one and number-two - Communicatioos Minister Shulamit Aloni and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban.

"My only motive not to seek the nomination for prime minister was one of the principle, having put the good of the party ahead of my own personal interests," Shetreet declared.

This latest political misadventure on Shetreet's part did not add to his standing in the party, Labor insiders agree. From the hegioolog, Shetreet was oot ranked high on Peres's list of favorites, and the announced challenge did not further endear Shetreet to Peres. In fact, it is said in Labor, that what motivated Shetreet to mount his hopeless challenge in the first place was the sure knowledge that he would not be given a ministry in another Peres government should Labor win the elections.

Shetreet was not the only dropout. Another last minute decision not to challenge Peres was anoccoced by Karmiel resident Shlomo Shaked, a political unknown who got a brief exposure to the limelight when he said he would take on Peres. He was viewed as oo more than a nuisance challenger.

Thus Peres is left without any rival this afternoon and his electioo to the party leadership is expected to be by acclamation.

# MKs suggest canceling direct elections

LIAT COLLINS

MKs from different parties have raised the idea of canceling the direct elections for prime minister scheduled to take place for the first time with the next Knesset elections.

Although two bills calling for the cancellation have been submitted, by MK Uzi Landau (Likud) and Yigal Bihi (National Religious Party), they are unlikely to be passed in time for the upcoming elections, and would only be able to take effect for

elections in 2000. Internal Security Mioister Moshe Shahal and Minister Yossi Beilin also favor abolishing or at least altering the system of direct elections for the premier. Justice Minister David Liba'i and Knesset Law Committee Chairman Dedi Zucker, on the other hand, both support the idea of the direct elections and even if a bill were to pass preliminary reading, they would be able to delay its

irrelevant for the coming

Zucker says the change would cause instability and is not practiparties have had years in which to prepare for the direct elections.

Beilio called the direct electionsystem as it stands "dangerous" and noted that although he would not cross the party line on the subject, he would take any opportunity to vote against the direct election system without violating party discipline.

Likud Leader Binyamin Netanyahu was one of the system's most vocal supporters and voted in favor of it, and against the Likud's line, four years ago although today he is less enthusias-

Peres originally supported the direct elections, unlike Yitzhak



Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating (right), his wife, Cathy, and their son, Chip, plant the first trees of a grove in memory of the 169 victims of the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, last week in the JNF American Independence Park in the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing, we looked to Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing of the Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills. 'After the bombing of the Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills.' 'After the bombing of the Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills.' 'After the bombing of the Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills.' 'After the bombing of the Israel as an example when we didn't know how to recover,' Keating said. The the Jerusalem hills.' 'After the bombing said. The the Jerusalem hills.' 'After the bombing said.' 'After the bombing said.'

# Ruling on remand order against Haggai Amir, Adani expected soon

SUPREME Court Justice Zvi Tal is to rule in the oext few days on whether to uphold the remand order against Haggai Amir and Dror Adani, suspected of conspiracy to kill prime minister Yitzhak Rabio and conspiracy to

harm or kill Palestinians. The two were remanded until the end of their trial by the Tel Aviv District Court.

Attorney Zioo Amir, representing Adani, argued at a Friday hearing that the evidence against his client does not justify a remand, and charged that the district court had been influenced by the hysteria surrounding Ra-

While Adam did discuss the idea of killing Rabin with the Amir brothers, the attorney said, idle talk is not considered a conspiracy. Furthermore, he said, the evidence - Adami's own police statements and those of the Amir Frenkel: We should

BANK of Israel Governor Jacob

Frenkel on Friday called on the

government to commit itself to

gradually reduce inflation to the

level acceptable in developed

countries - about 3 percent - by

Appearing before the Com-

merce and Industry Club in Tel

Aviv, Frenkel said it is important

to ensure that the reduction of

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brothers - indicates that Adami broke with the group before the actual murder, after his rabbi told him it was forbidden to kill Rabin because it would cause civil strife.

Finally, be ooted, even Haggai Amir said in his initial police statements that Adami had never done anything practical to advance the

Moshe Meroz, representing Haggai Amir, added that it could hardly have been a real conspiracy if assassin Yigal Amir did not even tell his brother before the real attack took

Regarding the Palestinians, attorney Amir argued, the alleged decision was too theoretical to constitute a conspiracy, since it was all at the level of "if certain conditions arise," in-

cluding the exit of the IDF from Judea and Samaria and a wave of terror attacks against the Jewish residents there.

Government attorney Pnina Guy cited statements given by Haggai Amir and Adami to the police, in which they indicated their firm desire to kill both Rabin and Palestinians. Adani, for instance, said: "If the only way to stop [Rabin] is to kill him, I support Rabin's murder," and "I strengthened Yigal's opinions,"

Guy also noted that Haggai Amir ordered an M-16 from the army only two weeks before Rabin's murder, following the group's decision that it was the best weapon with which to kill the prime minister, and had an arsenal in his house. Similarly, she noted, he had a silencer installed on Adam's Uzi to make it more effective for planned attacks against

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Prime Minister of Fiji arrives today here today for a three-day official visit. Rabuka will meet with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tzur, Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivri, and others. He will also lay a wieath at Yitzhak Rabin's grave, and visit Yad Vashem and various holy Jerusalem Post Staff sites in Jerusalem.

Hadera man seriously wounds wife with axe A husband struck his wife over the head with an axe during an argument Friday afternoon in Hadera, gravely wounding her, then turned himself in. The woman, who had recently sought a divorce, was admitted to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital in serious

Police found her after rectiving word about a dead woman in a Rehov Weissberg apartment. A few minutes later, her husband turned up at the Hadera police station and told police: "I killed my wife."

Three charged with rape Three American men were charged in Tel Aviv District Count Friday with the rape of a woman they met in a Tel Aviv night club. The three - Jerome Coleman, William Brice, and Dimitrious Price - allegedly invited the girl into their apartment, locked her inside, and raped her. The district attorney is to ask for their remand until trial.

Settler sentenced for stoning Arab car Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court sentenced settler Hillel Lieberman of Immanuel to six months' community service Friday for throwing stones at a Palestinian car, Israel Radio

Dieberman was convicted of endangering lives by throwing stones at a Palestinian car near another settlement two years ago. The driver of the car slammed into another vehicle as he tried to escape the stones.

Hotel strike

AROUND THE WORLD

# mars Chinese celebration

MICHAL YUDELMAN

CELEBRATION here for China's Iodepeodeoce Day turned into a fiasco, when hundreds of striking workers blocked the entrance of Herzliya's Daniel Hotel on Thursday night, preventing some 300 guests from go-

The ministers, MKs and many dignitaries who arrived in the rain were greeted at the hotel entrance by Chinese Ambassador Wang Changyi, who explained that the party was canceled due to

Na'amat chairperson Ofra Friedman, Who Was guests, advised the workers to stay in the hotel until the managemeot opens negotiations with

The hotel's 280 workers went on strike on Thursday, after finding out that the hotel's management was planning to close the hotel down next Sunday for several months.

The macagement had ioformed the workers only a day earlier that they were all being sent on unpaid leave for an indefinite period of time.

The workers, who are still entrenched in the hotel, fear that the management will use the renovations in the hotel as an excuse to fire some or all of them. They demand occotiations over the terms and time of their "leave" or severance fees.

The workers also disconnected the switchboard and stopped providing room service and other

services to the guests. The Daniel Hotel is run by the Africa-Israel group for the Holiday Inn chain. Most of the hotel guests have left already and other functions scheduled for this week were canceled.

By last night, although there was still no word from the hotel management, a representative of the owners was due to meet the workers and discuss the situation

#### upbeat inflation picture was in contrast to the situation regardtary restraint to ensure that inflation is kept in check this year as Rabin, but later became one of its ing the deficit in the balance of well, noting that inflation rose at payments, which had reached \$4.2 hillion. (Itim) greatest opponents. Since Rabin's a greater rate in the second half assassination, however, he has of 1995 than the first. stated his support for the idea. passage long enough for it to be Detainee can't see classified evidence against him

ON Friday the Supreme Court overturned a district court decision to allow administrative detainee Aryeh Friedman to examine the classified evidence against him.

Friedman, a rabbinical court lawyer who recently moved from Kiryat Arba to Jerusalem, was arrested 10 days ago and placed under administrative detection for three mouths. Because he lives within the green line, however, his detention must be approved hy a district court president within 48 hours.

When Friedman was brought before Jerusalem District Court President Vardimos Zailer, Friedman requested the right to see the classified evidence against him. In an unusual move, Zailer partially acced-

ed to this request at a hearing last Sunday, and Court upholds remand for

THE Supreme Court yesterday

upheld a seven-day remand order

against three followers of Uzi

Meshulam being investigated for

allegedly plotting attacks against

In total, six Meshulam follow-

ers were arrested on January 15,

hut only three chose to appeal

their remands to the Sopreme

Court. All three argued that the

police intelligence against them

did not constitute solid evidence,

and therefore was not enough to

justify a remand. One, Avner

Dahari, also argued that he was

not even associated with Mesho-

public figures.

lam in any way.

three Meshulam followers

EVELYN GORDON and Him

However, Justice Zvi Tal said

that after examining the police

evidence, he was convinced both

that further investigation is war-

raoted, and that the suspects

would interfere with the investigation if they were released. Sol-

id evidence is not needed at the

investigation stage, he added; it is

enough that there be a "suffi-

He also stressed that the crimes

However, he added, the police

must "consider at every stage

whether continuation of the re-

of which the group is suspected

are extremely serious.

mand is still necessary."

ciently well-founded suspicion."

## EVELYN GORDON

then, at another hearing last Monday, decided that even more of the classified evidence should be revealed. He justified his decision hy noting that imprisonment on the basis of evidence the suspect cannot see - which is the norm in administrative detentions - is "an alien plant to the basic legal principle that one

doesn't judge a man in darkness."

The state appealed this decision to the Supreme Court, arguing that revealing the classified intelligence data against Friedman would harm state security.

After a four-hour hearing behind closed doors, Justice Michael Cheshin accepted the state's arguments and ordered that Friedman

not be allowed to see the classified material. Since all decisions relating to administrative detentions are also classified, however, the reasous behind Cheshin's decision are not known.

Frenkel said a plan for further

liberalization of foreign currency

regulations will soon be submit-

ted to the Finance Ministry for

joint discussion. The plan will in-

clude a series of steps to further

lift remaining limitations on for-

oced to reduce inflation in-

creased last year, and the myth

that a policy of restrained interest

must lead to unemployment and

However, he added that the

recession had been disproven.

Frenkel said awareness of the

eign currency transactions.

Zailer, meanwhile, is expected to make his ruling on the validity of Friedman's detention in the next few days. Friedman's lawyer, Mordechai Mintzer, has already presented his arguments against the small amount of nonclassified information, which is mainly about the fact that Friedman has been investigated for extremist statements in the past.

Mintzer argued that since the non-classified material against Friedman is several months old, Friedman can hardly constitute an immedizte danger, which is the only justification for administrative detention.

Asian banks interested in investing here

SOME of Asia's major banks expressed interest in purchasing shares in Discount Bank and Bank Mizrahi in a meeting with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat at the weekend.

Shohat met in Hong Kong with representatives of the Bank of China, Bank of Asia, and Bank of Hong Kong, and gave a review of Israel's economic and banking activities. The Asian bankers expressed interest in shares being offered in Israel, particularly those of Discount and Mizzahi that are expected to be offered on the Tel Aviv Stock. Exchange within the next six months.

While in Hong Kong, Shohat met with Michael Kadourie, one of the world's wealthiest Jews. Shohat invited Kadourie to visit Israel, who said he would try to visit soon.

Shohat is also to meet with Treasury officials in Hong Kong.

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